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Fairbury, as I say because of very close friends back our way that was a high school hurdling champion that came to your University here, that was good at hurdling. I know where Valentine is, because a friend there, even though I've never been there, a very close friend of mine, who is the Professor in charge of the Government Department at Indiana State University, married a girl from Chadron, he married the girl next door, my classmate. And I've heard all about Chadron and the Sandhills, and so I feel like I know Nebraska just about as well as I know my own State of Indiana, and have a very great love for it. I met Senator George Gerdes, and got to know him, and the works of the Council of State Government

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and his great leadership. And I've had the pleasure of meeting Senator Terry Carpenter here, Gene Mahone, Robert Clark, and those who are very active in regard to your Council of State Governments work. I feel that the Council of State Government and the State Cooperation work that we are each involved in, working one with another trying to solve some of the same problems in Nebraska and Indiana and the states in between that make up the straight Twelve State Midwestern Conference that we each belong to. Helps each one of us do a better job for our constituents. Last night when, Jim Bowhay and I flew in, and went to a motel room here, turned the T.V., got Channel 12 here, Channel 12, and saw you did here yesterday, and I heard the exact same arguments in television last night that you had here in these chambers yesterday concerning the 55 mile an hour speed limit law, and you had the exact same argument, as I could just place as I would hear different ones get up and argue on that, that I could just place Indiana Legislators faces to the same microphone that I heard here, and you making arguments yesterday afternoon. And then, of course, I heard the arguments concerning your alcohol beverage pricing bill that is now pending before you. We had a bill, although our arguments were different, the same measure came up and we debated that out. And I'm sure that many of the issues that you have also come up not only in Indiana, but in the other Legislatures around the country of ours. And in this Interstate Cooperation Work we have we find out as we go to these meetings that the various states do have, do have many of the same problems. And we find that some states have found answers that are solutions. We found that other states have answers that are not solutions. And we benefit from this. We find that we can take some solution that Nebraska has had for example worked out and we can use it in Indiana. We also find out that maybe something that Nebraska has tried did not work and we will benefit from that experience. It is my pleasure to be here today, and to share with you and listen to you as you consider your problems. And I hope that you all consider, that are on the Interstate Cooperation Committee, or on the standing committees, that you will come to Chicago next month, and to Indianapolis in July to share with us this Midwestern Conference work that we are all going about to try to better the work of the Legislature of our respective states, and I thank you very much for giving me these few moments to share with you. (applause)