

and I say that because of a problem that I have in the city of Omaha and in particular in my area, and I would suspect that this is not just an area problem, or a city problem. I think it's a state problem, and I think for any school that is located anywhere in the state that is adjacent to an arterial street should have more than just a speed limit posted...a speed limit sign posted for any type of vehicular traffic. I submit to this Legislature that, and I'm sure that you can go over the noon hour, and I'll bet you can't remember any of the signs that were posted on the way to lunch and on the way from lunch. But for some reason, you know, we'll always see that blinking yellow, or that blinking red light, or that orange light, whatever the case might be. Last week I had a phone call from a school principal two and a half blocks from where I live and I live on the same street that the school is on. The principal called me. He said he was disappointed, disheartened that the city of Omaha did not...did not come to heed the concern that they had in posting a blinking yellow traffic signal in front of the school. They came out and they did a traffic pattern survey and they found that there were only one hundred seventy-three cars at the maximum during the peak period of the day, and that did not warrant or justify the need of a blinking yellow light. Well, I submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that there are young people there, and I say that just because there are young people there it warrants a blinking yellow light. With leaving Section 2 in this bill, as a matter of fact, by the way, I would just want to make one more comment in that I did call the City Traffic Engineer in the city of Omaha, and he said, Senator, he says, you know, we have made these particular provisions, he said, and he said, you have no recourse other than making your views known to the city council. Well, okay that takes a great deal of time and that certainly is a recourse that we would have, but don't you think it is important, and I know, Senator Kremer, we were talking about expediting the moped bill just last week. I was concerned about screening all applicants who went in for a moped and a motorcycle, as well as we can. What happens? The very next day a former student of mine was pulling out of his driveway at home and was killed, and I would suspect that by the time we reconvene next year there will be probably close to twenty... twenty-five people on our state's and city highways in this state killed as the result of driving a moped or a motorcycle. I am...I am requesting this Legislature to look at the concern that this principal had in his communication with me and I think it would...we should mandate that every street in the city, in this state, that's