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to be a designation by a doctor to indicate that one is impaired and unable to....(interruption).

SENATOR VENDITTE: All right, Dave, that isn't all that important a question but why are we exempting these people, for example, those in law enforcement, if it includes those people, or if it includes those in health emergency, hospitals, doctors or whatever? Why are we excluding those people from the provisions of the bill? In other words, they are going to be allowed to use these studded snow tires all the time even after 1982.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Why, if there are no safety factors involved?

SENATOR NEWELL: First of all, let me say that we are talking about...the City of Omaha has already banned the use of studded snow tires in their own department. Okay? They do not use those, public safety personnel and so forth. The same with the City of Lincoln and most other cities. We are really trying to cut down the rural opposition and those people that say that these people for various reasons in emergency situations have to be able to move, have to be able to move in very extreme weather conditions, and for that reason, you know, or aid to other travelers and so forth, so for that reason they need to move, and if there is...you know, even though very few instances where that is a benefit, they still need to move in those times and so they will be using them. The fact of the matter is that very few of them will be using them because most cities and counties have... actually do not use studded snow tires.

SENATOR VENDITTE: You know, Senator Newell, and this is no question but just as a matter of information, common sense, Senator, tells me that when I hear my tires spinning on ice and I hear those studs digging in, it is obviously providing me a safer road to drive on and I can't help but think that this Legislature would be so naive to think that studded snow tires do not have their place when driving on ice. Just but a few weeks ago coming down here to Lincoln on a very icy surface of road...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR VENDITTE: ...my car came, and by the way, my windows were rolled down because I couldn't see very well

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