

exception being made? Apparently there is some value in studded snow tires. One of the reasons that the National Highway Administration said was that we didn't need studded snow tires here in the State of Nebraska because we only have one or two percent of the time during winter months when there is ice on the roads. Now since when does this particular administration become so-called experts in the field of identifying climatic conditions here in the State of Nebraska? Our meteorologists here in the state can't even predict the weather for tomorrow and these people are going to tell us year after year after year that we are only going to get a glass covered sheet of ice one and maybe two percent of the time? I have seen days, ladies and gentlemen, where we have had sheets of ice for many days, two and three days at a time and without the use of studded snow tires moving in traffic would not have been possible. Again, the legislation is discriminatory. Again, the legislation makes it rather clear that studded snow tires do have their place on Nebraska roads and I for one, I for one, truly believe that studded snow tires at the right time, at the right place can save a person's life and with that little chance of one or two percent, don't you think it would be wise to assure every Nebraskan in the state the greatest amount of safety that can be afforded them? And I think, Senator Newell, we are playing with life and death in this matter. There is no question in my mind that studded snow tires at one time or another, Senator Newell, have saved the life or lives of Nebraskans. You know there is nothing more fearful, ladies and gentlemen, nothing more fearful that we can experience in a lifetime than driving on ice. When this ice comes again we are not forewarned. We are driving someplace, be it on the interstate, private road, highway, city streets, within a matter of seconds, literally within a matter of seconds we are emerged in ice. There is nothing you can do in some instances but keep going from wherever you are at and, ladies and gentlemen, I can assure you that if you have studs under these conditions, you are then being afforded the greatest amount of safety that we can give and I would urge you at this point in time to kill this measure and I would say this too, ladies and gentlemen, if it were up to the people of this state, if it were up to Nebraskans to make this decision, would they want studded snow tires banned in this state? I don't think so.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labeledz. This is on the kill motion of 619.