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SENATOR MARSH: Can you tell me how expensive this kind of equipment is?

SENATOR SIECK: I believe the most expensive is right at \$300.

SENATOR MARSH: Is this primarily used by truckers, or is it also in wide use by private citizens?

SENATOR SIECK: There are a lot of private citizens that have this equipment, especially they are concerned about breaking the law.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: A question of Senator Sieck, I guess.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Senator, I guess maybe I am missing the point of your amendment. What exactly do you hope to accomplish by this? If we have the radar which is questionable at best, I guess, from the Judiciary Committee's attempts of looking at it and the information we can gather, what is wrong with having an electronic device to detect this if all they are doing is detecting something which is questionable or inaccurate? I don't understand what we are trying to protect the motorist from if they are trying to protect themselves from getting perhaps an unwarranted speed ticket.

SENATOR SIECK: Okay. To me, if you have a device of this type, the motorist then is trying to get by with the law. I mean he is trying to get by with something, and this is the whole purpose of the law, I mean just trying to get by. He knows he is going to speed and so he is trying to get by with it. That is the purpose.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Well...trying to get by with the law, but if the units...you know, I can sympathize with that, you know, somewhat. But if the units that they are being trapped with are not accurate, and if there is some question as to the training of the operators using them, and we are not talking about just the State Patrol, we are talking about county and local officials, if they have inadequate training, and if the units are questionable at best, I don't understand why...what we are trying to protect the motorists from in an event like this.

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