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SENATOR SIECK: Okay....

SENATOR REUTZEL: Let me....I don't want a motorist to go out and get a speeding ticket for 79 miles an hour when he was traveling 50 miles an hour, and I think if he wants to have a device to do that, to protect himself from getting that, that is fine with me.

SENATOR SIECK: Okay, we have got a bill here before us that is going to require training for all police officers, and I think that is good. I mean there is nothing wrong with that. I am...I appreciate this. But if we are going to have this training, then we are going to have people that know how to run these machines, and my purpose here is to try to....if this is going to happen, then why let these motorists have these....this equipment in there to defend themselves.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Senator, the bill goes beyond just the training also. I mean, we have got units, K-55 units, that we buy with federal funds, and we buy them because they are the cheapest, and they are the cheapest because corners are cut sometimes.

SENATOR SIECK: Um hmmm.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Now, if these units are inaccurate, or not as accurate as a more expensive unit, I think there is a problem right there, and it goes....you and I could be very well trained in monitoring a radar unit and monitoring the motorists. We might know what we are doing, but that is no guarantee that the machine is as accurate as it should be.

SENATOR SIECK: If the machine is used properly, it will be pretty accurate. If you have a machine that has been inspected....

SENATOR REUTZEL: Well, Senator Sieck, we have taken.... as a member of the Judiciary Committee, we have taken side by side K-55 units out on the Interstate, and we have seen 20, 30 and 40 miles difference on the same car. We have taken a K-55 unit right outside the Capitol here, turned it on and there is not a single car on the street and it records speeds, and there is not a single thing on the street. And I am sure that the people operating those knew how to operate it.

SENATOR SIECK: Well, I don't know how to operate them, but then I....