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Senator Goodrich, and the body adopts the 55 mile an hour speed limit, then how does it have to vote on the second question to be consistent?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Excuse me, John was talking for a second there. I didn't get the first part of your question? Will you restate the question then?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The question is this. If we divide the question as you are suggesting, and the body adopts the 55 mile an hour speed limit, then on the second question with regard to the Governor's discretion, how must the body vote in order to be consistent to have an equal law?

SENATOR GOODRICH: If you win on the first half the whole bill is just destroyed anyhow so why even have the darn thing? Just kill the darn bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It doesn't kill the bill. It makes it 55 miles an hour

SENATOR GOODRICH: You just as well kill it. You've gutted it like John says.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well it depends on your point of view of course. You are stating a point of view now. All I am talking about is the division of the question. If you adopt the 55 mile an hour speed limit then of necessity, to make sense, to have a consistent coherent law you must delete the Governor's discretion to lower the speed limit.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, I think we've gone far enough on the debate that the Chair is going to rule that the issue is divisible which means that we vote on the 55 mile an hour issue first and then the Governor's discretion secondly. Okay, the first order of business is the 55 mile an hour issue. Okay, Senator Beutler, do you wish to speak on the first part of this?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I will only make one brief comment. Again, we have all heard the arguments. All we are voting on now is this. As things exist right now you have a 65 mile an hour speed limit every place except near Omaha where it is 55. Correct, Pat? On the interstate, right.

CLERK: I think so, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If you vote in favor of this amendment you are voting for an across the board 55 mile an hour speed limit on the interstate. Thank you.