

resulting from automobile accidents. Ladies and gentlemen, I think that these reasons as stated, economic, monetary, fuel conservation, injuries, death, are sufficient to have us be supportive of Senator Beutler's amendment. Just in closing I would add that I saw a bumper sticker which I am sure you have all seen and I think we should reflect on that a bit. It merely states, "55 miles an hour, a law we can live with." I think we should think about it, ladies and gentlemen, and support Senator Beutler in his attempt to add this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, just a couple of very brief comments relative to Senator Stoney's statistics. He said that in the paper that he handed out these statistics came from the Department of Transportation but I think the letter or whatever it was, a memo, was signed by somebody else but let's take the statistics as being from the Department of Transportation. How do they calculate how many miles are travelled on the interstate or anywhere else? They probably try to calculate how much total gasoline is sold, how many total cars are owned and then try to do some kind of complicated calculating to determine how many cars going at certain rates of speed, getting certain number of miles per gallon, travelling on the highway as opposed to the city streets and all around and around and around and if you would ask anybody on this floor to come up with the formula by which they determine how many vehicle miles are travelled per accident or per fatal injury, nobody on this floor could tell you and if you looked at the formula that the Department of Transportation uses it wouldn't make sense. It wouldn't have validity. So, their interest during the prior administration was to keep alive the Federal Highway Traffic Administration and it's only reason for existing was to show that it could maintain safety. The only way it could do that was to indicate that the 55 mile per hour was doing all of these things that Senator Stoney mentioned except I don't know that they have said it reduces the number of epilepsy cases as mentioned in the report that he read. But look at this, he also mentioned 75 miles per hour as opposed to 55. That is a 20 mile an hour difference. This bill says 65 miles per hour so that right there would indicate his statistics are incorrect and do not deal with the situation that we are confronting. But what I am really trying to get across to you, in trying to determine how many miles are travelled, how can you do that if you don't know the condition of the automobile. You don't know the weather conditions. You