

CLERK: The motion offered by Senator Chambers is to reconsider our action in voting to indefinitely postpone LB 143 on Select File. The motion was made on February 20 and inserted in the Journal on page 611, Mr. President.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, as the one offering this motion I will request that we handle it expeditiously. I have given a number of handouts that include the basic arguments that I would offer. I think that nothing new really can be added to the situation but on the chance that in the rush and crush of this morning's business you did not see one of the handouts that I presented, there is a fact that I would like to draw to your attention and once again placed in the record. Because the 55 mile an hour limit is almost universally disregarded in the state, there is such a large pool of violators that the Patrol cannot possibly ticket everybody who exceeds 55 miles per hour. So to cut the number of violators they have established, informally at least, a policy of setting their radar alarm so that it will go off in most cases only if somebody exceeds 65 miles per hour. As my handout indicated I have made this statement during Judiciary Committee meeting, before the Superintendent of the State Patrol, Colonel Kohmetscher, in the presence of various troopers. It has never been gainsaid nor denied. It is a matter of fact. As the article that was attached to that handout stated in dealing with the Texas situation, the state police there almost have as much hatred for the 55 mile an hour limit as the motorist against whom they must try to enforce it. They are aware that there are other matters that have to go begging simply because so much time is spent trying to enforce an unenforceable law. As with prohibition when the public decides that it is going to do a certain thing there is no way that a law arbitrarily, especially when it has no relationship to reality or the safety and public welfare, there is no way that such a law can be enforced. So it is ignored by the public and the enforcers. What I am suggesting is that since there is, in effect, a 65 mile an hour sub rosa speed limit, meaning that it is not approved by the law but it is in existence de facto or as a matter of fact because of the lenient penalty in the law, what I would do is what it seems that everybody wants to do or at least if we put everybody together on the parts that they want we include everybody. A sizeable number want 65 miles per hour. A sizeable number want to do away with the lenient penalty. So, I think we ought to reconsider our action in killing 143, put in a 65 mile per hour limit, repeal the lenient penalty. Then if you want to bracket the bill to see if other state passes a 65 mile