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LB 35

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the next bill is LB 35.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 35 was introduced by Senator Vickers and Senator Von Minden. (Title read.) The bill was first read on January 8, referred to the Public Works Committee. The bill was advanced to General File.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you wish to explain the bill?

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. LB 35 is without a doubt the shortest bill I have ever introduced in this body. At least it should get a mark of "A" for brevity as far as reading is concerned and you certainly could not tell by reading the bill what it does so I will explain it to you. I am sure most of you know already. LB 35 does one thing pure and simple. It eliminates the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program in the State of Nebraska and in order to make myself very clear at the outset, for the record, I want it to be known that I am not for carnage on the highways. I am for safety. I am for anything that we can do to cut down on the traffic fatalities out there on the highways of the State of Nebraska but on the other hand, I am opposed to overregulation of the people of the State of Nebraska unless it is demonstrated that there is, in fact, a need for that regulation and that that regulation is accomplishing something. The regulation imposed by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program which has been in operation for a little over ten year period, from the information that I have been able to assimilate has not accomplished the desired goals when it was implemented. I think it is a perfect example of the government instigating something that sounds great, looks like it ought to really work but in reality, it has not worked. You have passed out before you on your desk a chart with some information on it. That information, if you will study it, indicates that for the ten year period prior to the inception of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program and the ten year period following the inception of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program, the number of accidents per million miles travelled in the State of Nebraska is exactly the same for a ten year period. Remembering that during this ten year period, the last ten year period, we also had the 55 mile speed limit which most people would readily assume and I would agree to that that it has cut down on accidents to some degree since speed is one of the higher causes of accidents. Also we have had the interstate highway system completed in the State of Nebraska during that period of time as opposed to the ten year period previous to that and I think most people also would agree that the