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SENATOR MOREHEAD: (No response.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is one of those issues which may impact on the rest of you far more than it ever will on me because if there is an issue which is so close that you all are fighting it out, it is obvious that I'm not going to have much of a part to play except like on that tax issue where one vote during the special session was crucial. That kind of situation is not going to arise very often and we did not have a call of the house matter because, if things are evenly divided like that, neither side would be in a position to put everybody else in a bad way. The problem arises when you don't have quite that even a development. I've got to always try to do some things by way of example. I had finally gotten the Legislature to make some changes in the radar law requiring more work by the state patrol or any law enforcement officer before they could offer radar readings because often their equipment was inaccurate, the officers were not well trained and there were a lot of other problems. They would use the devices in areas where there was interference that could alter or affect the reading of the device. Many members were opposed to it because they thought since I have the reputation for speeding, despite the fact that I am often passed up by other legislators going and coming, and Senator Hannibal one time passed me twice the same day going between Lincoln and Omaha. He stopped at a truck stop and I was continuing tooling down the road and then next thing I know he passed me again. Then I didn't see or hear from him until we got back to the Legislature the next day. But at any rate I explained to the senators that I didn't need that change in the radar rules for myself because I always won when I got a radar ticket and went to court and challenged it. Every time I went to court and challenged a radar ticket I won. I never testified, I never offered any evidence, never, yet I won. I was able to establish that the state did not make its case so I didn't need that for myself, but I looked at what was happening to the public. So if the rest of you cannot look far enough ahead and anticipate problems from what Senator Hannibal is suggesting have it the way that you're getting it and some of you may think that I'm just blowing smoke in this instance, but I've been here a long time and I've watched a lot of things develop. I've watched the kind of