

within a certain distance. We are saying that a certain distance, regardless of the speed, is what you should stay back, and I have a real problem with that. I have a real problem with saying we are setting a specific change and we are totally disregarding whether they are going 55 miles an hour or five miles an hour. I think it makes very little sense. I understand there have been some accidents. Well, if there have been accidents because they were following too close, they were not obeying the current law. And I know there are a lot of trucks out there that aren't obeying the current law. God knows I spend enough time on the interstate. All I would suggest is that we had ought to encourage them to enforce the law as it is right now. I don't think it is wise to set certain distances regardless of the speed. I am going to oppose this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, I pushed the wrong button. Anybody want to close on the...?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Senator Nichol, I would like to just close very briefly indicating that the bill I think is a good bill. If you look in your bill books, it was supported by the Motor Carriers Association, the people that would probably be the most directly involved in this, by the Highway Patrol, by the Roads Department, by the Association of Public Employees. There was no objection to it either from members of the committee or those testifying. I would urge you to advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, you have heard the closing. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. We will go on to 494, but Senator Hefner would like to have me introduce a guest under the north balcony, Mr. Dave Domina. Would you please welcome him to the Legislature. Mr. Clerk, 494.

CLERK: Mr. President, 494 was introduced by Senators Johnson, Abboud, Lundy and Conway. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 21 of last year. It was referred to the Urban Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. There