

it seems to me. I don't know why we ought to put something in the law that says you've got to stay back a certain distance. Maybe we ought to...well, what about manure spreaders, if I'm out on the highway driving down the road with one of those? Something could fall off that might be a little dangerous to somebody. But it seems to me that to follow this procedure is, as I indicated earlier, is setting up a mechanism whereby we are going to open ourselves up to a lot of people not following the law anyhow because, obviously, they must not be now if there is a problem. I think what we ought to do is simply send a message, look, we expect people who are following too close, under the current law, to be arrested, and not put in a mechanism that we are going to put our patrolmen in the position of guessing what 300 feet is, or what 100 foot is regardless of the speed. I can't emphasize that too much. Think about it. You're out on...this applies to all highways in this state. You're out on a highway, you come up behind a vehicle that is going 20 miles an hour and you want to follow them for a ways, you're going to have to stay back 300 feet, the same distance you will if it's going 60 miles an hour, or 55? I mean nobody breaks the speed limit, obviously, so it would be 55. I think that is totally ridiculous and we ought not put those kinds of things in the statutes. I ask you to vote to indefinitely postpone LB 437.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. Motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 437. The Chair recognizes Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President, members of the body, I'd urge you not to support the kill motion. First, I'd like to make reference to Senator Vickers' comments about the manure spreader on the highway. I was going to state that I would hope Senator Vickers would not be spreading manure as he's driving down the highway. But from his last speech it is obvious he doesn't care where he spreads it. Sorry about that, Tom. Couldn't resist on that one at all. Seriously, I see no reason for the kill of the bill. Senator Vickers has shown me an amendment which will deal, later on, with his concern regarding the separate class we are setting up for highway maintenance vehicles, which seems to be a reasonable sort of approach. If that is his concern, I have no problem supporting that particular amendment. He made reference to we need to be concerned with the people in the orange vests. Basically they are the people that brought this bill. What's happened in the past few years, not many,