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SENATOR GOLL: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, the importance of this issue is almost overwhelming to me. We have got three days left and, Mr. Speaker, I suggest that we continue to debate this issue for the rest of the day, and then those issues that are not important anyway can be shoved aside. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers. Senator DeCamp is next. No, you are not next yet. After this one, Senator. Thank you. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, Mr. President, members, Senator Goll and others may think this is not an important issue but I would suggest to you that this is very similar to the license plate debate we had a few years ago. People across the state may not understand a lot of the other things we do in here but they certainly understand speed limits. If there is one thing that I think the people are interested in it is what the rules of the road are that they have to deal with all the time. I don't think it is unreasonable at all for us to adopt a policy that says if the federal government changes their requirements that the speed limit on the interstate in the future, especially with the Wesely amendment, is going to be changed. I don't think that is unreasonable. I also think it is not unreasonable to assume that it is, at least in terms of safety, that a four-lane interstate is designed for a higher speed than two-lane highways. It never has made any sense to me that we have got the same speed limit on a two-lane crooked highway through Podunka, Nebraska that we have got out there on a four-lane interstate, but that is what the federal government said to us through a deliberative body making a decision when they didn't make decisions on other things, I suppose, just as we are doing now. I think it is reasonable. I think we ought to adopt it, and if it takes a little time to do so, then so be it. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. I will put the question to you. Shall the debate now close? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. About ten lights are on for recognition. Please record your vote, shall the debate cease? Vote aye or nay. Please record your vote on the motion to close debate aye or nay. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote,