

number was 31. The number on the interstate, going through Douglas County, was 2. The total number of deaths in Sarpy County was 4, the number on the interstate 1. The vast majority of fatalities occur on other roads. So if these people are interested in safety and say that speed kills, and the speeds on these various other roads are too high, why don't you see them talking about reducing speed limits on the roads where the majority of fatalities occur? Because that is not their interest. They will use any argument to maintain status quo. In the same way that it was unfair for the rest of the state...of the country, especially states like Nebraska, to have a speed limit imposed on all of them which is suitable for the small, densely populated northeastern states, it would not be fair to the residents of Nebraska to have the Lincoln syndrome imposed on the rest of the state. Many people in Lincoln have no need to go anywhere outside the city. The governmental buildings are here. The State Capitol is here. Their jobs are here, so it is easy for them to say you can reduce the speed limit to 40 on the interstate as far as I care and it will be safer. But there are people who have jobs and other activities...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that require them to drive at a faster rate than 55 and as a matter of fact they are doing it. So that, in itself, nullifies the argument that the 55 mile an hour speed limit has lead to more safety because people are not observing it. They are not observing it, yet the rate of fatalities continues to decline. The design of automobiles, the barriers along...or rails along the interstate, the break-away light poles, and other factors come into play. And that is what was admitted by this gentleman named Sieckmeyer when he was asked to calculate how many more fatalities would be likely to occur on the interstate should the limit be raised to 70. He said it would be speculative. He couldn't tell because the fact of the matter is that the majority of fatalities occur on roads where the speed limits are not being reduced. So, I ask that you defeat Senator Warner's motion and we go on with this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm going to take the other side of the argument because the legal part, I think, has pretty well been taken care of. You are going to hear some of this rhetoric before we are through. The last time