

through the years we've passed a number of significant bills in the direction of making our highways safer. Those save lives, they save personal injury, they save cost to the insurance industry, they save damage to automobiles, the effect has been salutary. Now, I recognize Senator Chambers' arguments along these lines, but I think the truth of the matter is that if we raise the speed limit to 70, as Senator Warner indicated the other day, we are inviting people to go 70, perhaps 75, perhaps faster. Right now, thanks to Senator Chambers' effective law making ability, the speed limit in Nebraska on the interstate is really 63, 64 for all practical purposes because you can't get more than a \$10 fine unless you go 65 or greater. I would be interested to know, and maybe Senator Chambers could address this, as to whether or not that law that he currently has in effect means that you can't get more than a \$10 fine unless you exceed 80 miles an hour under his bill. Now what concerns me about this is that this bill doesn't take us back to 65 miles an hour, where we used to be when I was a child and when Senator Lamb was a child, and that wasn't all that long ago, but this goes to 70, it goes to 70. That is going to be inviting people to drive 70 or 75, maybe higher. Now I think we are doing fine. I think we've become accustomed to a lower speed limit. I think we are saving lives as a result of that. Senator Chambers is perfectly correct that the lower speed limit was motivated by gas consumption concerns. But an unintended benefit has been a clear savings of lives...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: ...and I am in favor of continuing that, and I yield the rest of my time to Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I should point out that we were children at different times. (Laughter.)

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thank you, Senator Lamb. So, with that, I would urge you to support Senator Warner's motion to indefinitely postpone this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I don't like being in the middle of a fight between Senator Chambers and Senator Warner. And I didn't intend to be. When we passed this and the last round on Select File I voted with the 70 mile an hour increase in the speed limit because I feel that, as Senator