

Haberman has pointed out, for those of us that use the highway, the interstate system on a continuing basis, which many of us in here do, and we are only a few of the people of the State of Nebraska that do, it is rather hypocritical to say that we travel 55 miles an hour on that interstate. I don't know very many cars that I see, when I'm on that interstate, that do stay at 55 miles an hour. In fact, no matter what I set my cruise control at, I am constantly being passed by other vehicles. I would rather see a bill that allows us to use the interstate system as it was set up, travel that speed, and then enforce the law. I'll just give you a little bit of background about how my memo to Senator Chambers came about. My memo was only as good as what you see on the memo at this point because I have not received that confirmation in writing at this time. After we voted the other day I went back to my office and I decided why do we stand and argue about it, let's find out. So I called Washington, D.C., the Department of Transportation Office, and after about five attempts finally was given the name of a woman, named Kathy Morgan, in the department, who talked to me and told me, and this is the message that we took, I have a secretary who took it down at the time. The question we asked is would the state be considered out of compliance if this law was in our books, even though its effective date...it did not become effective until September of '87. And she said in response, after I read through what we were going to do in the bill, at first glance it appears that we would be in compliance. However, their attorneys would like to look into the issue further and they would phone me again the next morning. I was here on Thursday morning. They returned my call and this is the result that you see in the memo that you have before you. This is the content of what they said to me on the telephone. Their attorney, named David Oliver, who is the attorney for the Motor Carrier Safety Law Division of the Federal Highway Administration, stated that Nebraska would not be considered out of compliance, based on what I had said to him, until our law takes effect. You can read the rest of it for yourself. Now I'm not...I don't know the technical...the legal aspects and all the other things that you are talking about here. I can only tell you that I repeated to them what we had done and what we had written down as far as what this law would do, and this was their response. I asked them to give me this in writing, and this is the extent of what I have at this time. I have not received that written response. So, other than that, I have nothing more to add, except that I will probably go ahead and continue to support the 70 mile an hour speed limit, based on what I told you before. I feel that there are very few people