

## Hecht Wants To Up 55 MPH Speed Limit

United States Senator Chic Hecht (R. Nv) said he would introduce legislation early in the 99th Congress modifying the 1974 law mandating a 55 mile per hour speed limit on the nation's roads.

He said a National Research Council report issued this week has opened the door to a higher limit "and I intend to take advantage of this move as one of my top legislative priorities in 1985."

Hecht said his Washington staff is going over "in detail" the report by the NCR "as well as legislative history of the entire law enacted 10 years ago" in order that he may come up with a regulation "which will be more applicable, practical and make more sense to Nevada and its wide open spaces."

Published reports on the NRC study suggested Congress should decide whether to raise the limit, probably to 65 mph, on certain stretches of the nation's roads.

"It will take congressional action to modify existing law," he said. But before any changes are made, I want to make sure changes are what the people of Nevada want, not some congressional committee. I look on this as a state's rights issue, one that we can manage better ourselves."

He added: "It may well be, in my proposed legislation, that we'll retain the 55 mph limitation in some of our more heavily traveled areas. But on the other hand it may

be overwhelmingly indicative that we should raise the limit to at least 65 mph in other areas, particularly along those many, long,

open stretches of highway between isolated towns in Nevada."

In drafting such legislation, Hecht said he would consult with state Department of Transportation officials, legislators, trucking and bus com-

panies and others, in order to get a clear consensus of what Nevadans want.

"Having traveled the state by van, very thoroughly the past two years, I think I know how most people in

Nevada feel about the 55 mile per hour speed limit," he said. "My personal feeling is that the law, particularly as it affects our state, is not only unrealistic and impractical but in many instances, unenfor-

ceable. I would like to change this situation."

Hecht co-sponsored a bill in 1983 to repeal the national maximum speed limit but the measure died in the Commerce committee.

## Awards For Cancer Research



Dr. Daniel G. Miller (second left), founder and first president of the Israel Cancer Research Fund and film star Dustin Hoffman (right) were honored at the Fund's "Tower of Hope Ball" at the Pierre this week. Dr. Miller, president and medical director of the Preventive Medicine Institute-Strang Clinic, received the ICRF's "Tower of Hope Award" for his leadership as head of the organization since its formation in 1975. Hoffman was a special guest as the Fund dedicated the Lillian Hoffman Fellowship Award in memory of the actor's late mother. Participating in the award ceremonies are Dr. Yashar Hirshaut (left), president of the ICRP, and Leonard Goldstein, dinner chairman and master of ceremonies. Hoffman's head is shaved for his role in the Broadway production of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman."

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JERUSALEM (WNS) — Israel's two Chief Rabbis have agreed to modify the symbolic conversion rituals required of Ethiopian Jews immigrating to

Israel. The Chief Rabbis decreed that from now on, Ethiopian males entering Israel will not have to submit to symbolic circumcision but must immerse them-

selves in a mikve (ritual bath) to erase any doubt that they are authentic Jews. Rahamin Elazar, head of the Public Council for Ethiopian Jews, welcomed the move but said "This demand is still a humiliating act."

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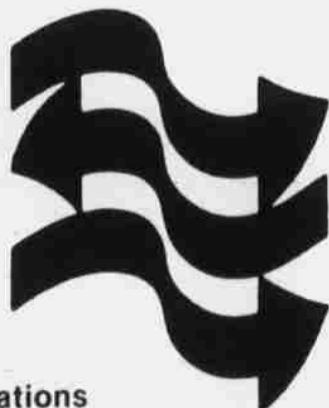
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