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boat. It's kind of hard to make up for lost ground."

Sittig said Nebraska voters would like to be part of a more exciting campaign, but they would not likely be willing to give much financially.

"They would want this if it were served up free of charge," he said. "But that could not happen."

Schimek said it was too soon to discuss specifics about the proposal, but the issue clearly needed to be looked at.

"This is something we should definitely not ignore," she said. "I'm willing to listen to all ideas."

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Clinton presses for support in sending troops to Bosnia

WASHINGTON (AP)—As President Clinton pressed his case for sending 20,000 U.S. ground troops to Bosnia, the Pentagon said Tuesday an additional 17,000 Americans would provide support in and around the former Yugoslavia.

Even Republican critics acknowledged that the deployment seemed inevitable. "He's hellbent to do it, so we're going to have to support him," said Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind.

Clinton renewed his appeal for support Tuesday evening, moments before he left on another search for peace, this time in Northern Ireland.

Noting that he had just concluded a meeting in which he asked members of Congress to support his Bosnia policy, Clinton said he told them as he had the American people in his televised address Monday night "that our mission will be clear, limited and achievable and that the risks to our troops will be minimized."

"Bosnia is a case where our leadership can make the difference between peace and war, and America must choose peace," Clinton said.

Clinton had more persuading to do outside Washington. Thousands of Americans called the White House after his televised speech of the night before, and "there was a great deal of skepticism," conceded spokesman Mike McCurry. "The American people clearly want to know more," he said.

Asked what he would do to overcome public skepticism, Clinton said, "More of what we're doing. We'll keep answering questions and reasserting what is at stake here."

With the first 700 Americans expected on the ground in Bosnia within the next few days, Capt. Michael Doubleday, a Pentagon spokesman, said thousands of others would provide support for the eventual NATO peacekeeping force of 60,000. That would bring the U.S. contingent to 37,000.

Among the support troops, there would be:

- 5,000 stationed elsewhere in the former Yugoslavia, most of them in Croatia.

- 3,000 as part of a support force that will handle logistics from coun-

tries on the perimeter.

- 9,000, most already in the region, who will conduct air and sea patrols and airlift humanitarian aid.

On the day after his speech to the nation on Bosnia, Clinton held a series of meetings with congressional leaders and members of the House and Senate committees that will examine the Bosnia peace agreement reached last week in Dayton, Ohio.

House Republican Leader Dick Armey of Texas said he told Clinton that if members of Congress are "getting the kind of phone calls from their districts that I'm getting from my district, that getting a winning vote on this matter would be like pulling teeth through the back of your head."

"I am extremely skeptical of this whole operation," Armey said.

In surveys taken Monday night, ABC News said 57 percent opposed deployment, and CBS News said its survey found 58 percent against sending U.S. troops to Bosnia. A USA Today-CNN-Gallup Poll reported that 46 percent supported deployment and 40 percent opposed it.

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States will be able to set speed limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton signed a \$6 billion road bill Tuesday that ends the federal 55 mph speed limit that has been in place since 1974 and gives states the power to set their own, starting in 10 days.

But Clinton made clear that he had serious misgivings about the measure, fearing that its provisions will lead to more accidents, highway deaths and injuries.

"I am deeply disturbed by the repeal of both the national maximum speed limit law and the law encouraging states to enact motorcycle helmet use laws," Clinton said in a written statement.

He said he also was troubled that

the law potentially exempts large number of small- and medium-size trucks and their drivers from safety regulations involving driver qualifications and truck maintenance.

"Without question these laws have saved lives," the president said.

He urged the states to act responsibly and added: "My administration will redouble our efforts to protect those who travel on the nation's highways." He instructed the Transportation Department to develop an action plan to promote highway safety.

Overall, Clinton signed the measure because he believes it will strengthen the nation's transportation system, providing jobs and economic

opportunities, said White House spokesman Mike McCurry.

"Delighted," was the response of D. Gail Morrison of the National Motorists Association who battled for provisions ending the federally mandated speed limits and motorcycle helmet requirements.

Appalled, was the reaction from safety and consumer advocates, who foresee carnage on the nation's roads.

Five states have laws that raise their speed limits automatically when the federal cap comes off. Montana would have no limit at all; the limit would jump to 75 mph in Kansas, Nevada and Wyoming and to 70 in Oklahoma.

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Study reveals U.S. used psychic spies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For 20 years, the United States has secretly used psychics in attempts to hunt down Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, find plutonium in North Korea and help drug enforcement agencies, the CIA and others confirmed Tuesday.

The ESP spying operations — codenamed "Stargate" — were unreliable, but three psychics continued to work out of Fort Meade, Md., at least into July, said researchers who evaluated the program for the CIA.

The program cost the government \$20 million, said Professor Ray Hyman of the University of Oregon in Eugene, who helped prepare the study.

He said the psychics were used by various agencies for remote viewing — to help provide information from distant sites.

Up to six psychics at any time worked at assignments that included trying to hunt down Gadhafi before the 1986 U.S. bombing of Libya, find plutonium in North Korea in 1994, and locate kidnapped Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier in Italy.

Gadhafi was not injured in the bombing. Dozier, kidnapped by the Red Brigades in Italy in 1981, was freed by Italian police after 42 days, apparently without help from the psychics. News reports at the time said the police were

assisted by an undisclosed number of U.S. State and Defense Department specialists using sophisticated electronic surveillance equipment.

The study reported mixed success with the psychics. Hyman was skeptical, while his co-author, Prof. Jessica Utts of the University of California-Davis, said some of the results were promising.

"My conclusion was that there's no evidence these people have done anything helpful for the government," Hyman said.

Utts, however, said the government psychics were accurate about 15 percent of the time. In some tests, when given four choices, they picked the right answer a third of the time.

"I think they would be effective if they were used in conjunction with other intelligence," she said.

CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield confirmed the existence of Stargate and the study.

"The CIA is reviewing available programs regarding parapsychological phenomena, mostly remote viewing, to determine their usefulness to the intelligence community," he said.

But he noted that when the CIA first sponsored research on the program in the 1970s, the program was found to be "unpromising" and was later turned over to the Defense Department.

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