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Congress to change the speed limits on our highways. Now this bill would provide that this body take action on the final passage, and it would be the action of this body, and it is a three way. It is written so that if the federal Congress does nothing, and they do not pass the bill we will stay exactly as we are under LB873. If the Congress passes a bill without any limitation, then our speed will resume to what we had prior to now. If they pass limitation of any kind at 60 miles or 57½ miles, whatever the figure might be, then this law would provide for our change..automatic change in our speed limits..speed laws. This is extremely important that we do this. I know Senator Syas is going to scream this is unconstitutional, and you cannot do it. However, LB873 also has a problem. We have delegated the responsibility to the Governor, which is also a problem of constitutionality. We do have this resolutio....we do have a bill before a Congress. We want to make this change as soon as is possible. If you do not accept this, and acknowledge this amendment we will probably have a full-fledged truckers strike. And if what we thought we saw before was a strike, that wasn't even a good Sunday schools picnic. This can be very serious, and a strike is extremely serious to the economy of this state. Whether it be the fresh meat, the canned meat, the canned goods, or the grain or any other, or the steel or any other item, this is extremely important that we do, as soon as the Congress permits us to change our speed limits and do it through this method. And I move for the adoption of the amendment. And the other amendment I would like to be in at the same time. Combine that other amendment which strikes that provision of lb873, and we do now have a bill which would automatically change as soon as that change becomes a fact through the Federal Congress. And we have a three way deal. They do not change the law, and we do not change the law, if they change it with limitation, then we will have limitation. If they advance it completely up to the state and their speed set limits, we do have our control. Now then, I think it is real important that this is what this amendment will do and I'm asking you for the combination of the two, and I move for the adoption.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy and then Senator Syas.

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of Senator Burbach. Would you want to add severability to this?

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach you are being asked by Senator Murphy if you want to add severability to it.

SENATOR BURBACH: Yes, that's all right. I have no objection to it.

PRESIDENT: I wouldn't think so, because that provides that if one part is unconstitutional the rest is constitutional.

SENATOR BURBACH: I have no objections.

PRESIDENT: Do you want to include that. Well, wait a minute. This was returned for specific amendment. We can't take up a further amendment. Senator Syas. Senator Murphy do you have any more to say.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would move after it's been advanced to return severability is added and put right back again.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.