

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. Do you have another amendment?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, Senator Beutler moves to amend: "To strike 65 or 60 wherever used in the bill and insert a 55 mile per hour speed limit and to reject all provisions giving the Governor discretion to set the speed limit."

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm not going to take a lot of time going back over the safety and the energy saving arguments and all of the arguments relating to this issue. Mr. Speaker, I'm not going to take time again to go over all the arguments. I want to simply tell you what alternative I am giving you and it is an alternative that you have not had before you today. With the amendment that I am proposing the law would be like this: flat out 55 mile per hour speed limit everywhere on the interstate. The point system would be reinstated along with the court costs and the fine. The provision relating to the Governor's prerogatives of course would be dropped since it would be no longer relevant with the 55 mile an hour speed limit. So I am saying, let's have an honest law and let's make it 55 miles per hour on the interstate. It is as simple as that. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goodrich, what is your pleasure in regard to dividing the question?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just want to divide the question in this case. I have read the amendment up there. The way the motion is written to go back to 55 as one part of the motion and then the second part of the motion is to eliminate the Governor's discretion of sending it back himself and I want to divide those two points so we vote on them separately.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I would encourage you not to allow the division of the question because I don't see the point to the division. If the...

SENATOR GOODRICH: I can explain it to you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler and then we will go to Senator Goodrich. Go ahead.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If the motion is successful then obviously the provision with regard to the Governor's prerogative has to go, otherwise it makes no sense. The law would make no sense. So they are indivisible by their nature and I would discourage the division of the question.