

words, the sixteen...from fifteen to sixteen, the on-duty from sixty to seventy, the on-duty from seventy to eighty, how do those impact, how does this memo impact those changes?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: This memo was a narrow memo to those...to these other ones. There is a part of the Federal Highway Administration rules and regs, and I've got them here, that allow those tolerance for those other areas as well. It is just this memo...this particular memo didn't touch those other areas, but if you'd like, Senator Hall, I've got this and I can probably copy this to you or to others about the federal regs that allow for those tolerance in those other areas.

SENATOR HALL: Because, and, thank you, because, Senator Kristensen, my...I've got a memo from the Department of Transportation, as well. It is dated a couple of months earlier than the one that you hand out that speaks to the issue of whether or not the states, if they meet those tolerance guidelines, whether or not there will be...they will be eligible for modified funding, which I know is one of the issues that was addressed with regard to your amendment, and one of the paragraphs in there reads is that the new interim final rule conveys a strong message to all participating states that adoption of compatible regulations is paramount to achieving national uniformity, and failure to do so could result in significant reduction in their basic MCSAP funding. I mean my question is, are...you're absolutely comfortable that this is not going to be a problem for purposes of funding with the changes that have been made in this proposal?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Now, Senator Hall, if I can just take a minute, if I take too much time,...

SENATOR HALL: No problem.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...let me, punch on. I was reluctant to support Senator Matzke's LB 481 because I was afraid it was going to jeopardize our federal MCSAP funds, which is the safety funds that are out there, and so I was trying to find a way to be somewhat sympathetic to the construction and contractors and some of the ag chemical people, but, at the same time, the reason I put in the amendment last year was they had till April 1st of this year to convince Congress. I'm very assured that I have until October 1st for Congress to change their mind, but if they don't, these hours of service things come in, and I