

amendment, Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. And, Senator Chambers, I think you correctly went through that. I want to try to compare what the Chambers amendment does with what the committee amendments are and what the policy choice is there. Under the committee amendment, if you were going 80 mile an hour, it would be a \$25 fine. Under Senator Chambers' amendment, you could be doing 85 and get a \$25 fine. Is that correct, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. Under your amendment, if you would go to 90 mile an hour, it would be a \$50 fine. The committee, for 90 mile an hour would have a \$100 fine. So what's happened is, and if I mischaracterize this I'm sure you'll correct me, but I characterize that you've allowed that first ten mile an hour to have a fairly minimal fine, and then you've, as you go up higher, the most you're going to get is a \$100 fine, is that correct, under yours? And ours, for the people that choose to travel over 90 mile an hour it's going to get...and I'd term it fairly expensive to do that. The policy choice, the reason the committee chose to do it our way was that if you're going to be out there traveling at 75 mile an hour we want to try to have enforcement begin at 75 mile an hour and not have enforcement begin at 80, or 81. And so we thought that that would...the additional fine would help cut into the fudge factor or the cushion factor that's out there. If we didn't do anything, if you're traveling 90 mile an hour, quite frankly, a \$50 fine...and realize all these have a \$24 court cost. So everything that Senator Chambers and I are talking about, you have to increase by \$24 because that's the court cost. But in terms of fine, for 90 mile an hour, Senator Chambers would fine you \$50, the committee amendment would do it \$100. And I would oppose the lessening of these penalties on the interstate. If you're going to have the privilege of increasing that speed to 75, penalties for going over that, I think, should be strengthened. I think it also gives some incentive and feels like there's some penalty if people are stopped. You're obviously going to have some fudge factor in there anyway. You're probably going to have some warnings. But to institutionally do it through fines, I think is unacceptable and I think the committee felt the increase in penalty was justified