

the fudge factor is going to creep up to 80 miles an hour on the interstate, and that was an unacceptable speed. And so that's the reason it's in there. As we encroach, if you want to lessen the penalties, I think you will increase the fudge factor out there that people will drive. They'll say, well, it isn't that much, we'll go a little further. But I wanted to put the horses a little bit on Senator Wickersham because he probably is lucky enough to have a good road that has nice, wide shoulders, and that he feels free to travel as fast as he can, and puts the top down on his car and lets the wind fly through that hair of his, and he has a nice trip to Lincoln. But not all roads are like that. There are many roads in the state of Nebraska who shouldn't be traveling 55 miles an hour, and that they are dangerous. We all are good drivers. There's not a soul in this Chamber who isn't a good driver. You got to ask them. Everybody is a good driver, in your own opinion. It's the other guy that's not a good driver. And the key is as you're going to set a state policy, you could just have a policy of no speed limit, and say, eh, you know, if you have an accident, you're to blame and the fault system will take over. I don't think that's good policy. I would hope that we wouldn't take these speeds down, that there is...as you travel faster your reaction is less, there will be more injuries and accidents. I don't think it's a real difficult intellectual argument. I don't plan to speak on this again, unless there's some questions. But the basic policy choice you're going to have is if you want to lessen the penalties I think you'll increase the fudge factor. I'm uncomfortable with doing that. If we're going to increase the fudge factor, then I think you ought to take the speed on the interstate down and we'll live with the fudge factor and still try to keep the traffic traveling about 75, 76 mile an hour. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Klein, followed by Senators Chambers, and Vrtiska.

SENATOR KLEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, just wanted to say that I don't support Senator Chambers on his amendment right now. But I...we seem to have a misconception that if we go with no tolerance, we're going to need a lot more increased enforcement. I really don't believe that. I think the reason that we've asked for the no tolerance, or almost no tolerance, is the fact that county attorneys are the ones that actually have done the fudge factor in the past. If they wrote up a ticket at two