

referred to Transportation Committee, it was reported back to General File with committee amendments. The committee amendments were presented on Tuesday, March 4, Mr. President. I do have amendments pending to the committee amendments. (Standing Committee amendment, AM3071, is referred to on page 780 and considered on page 1024 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen, give you just a couple of minutes to refresh us as to what the committee amendments would do to this bill, or for this bill, or against this bill, whatever it would do.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it would speed up the legislation if we do this. Briefly, the committee amendments do the following things. One is that the committee amendment becomes the bill, not the green copy of the bill. Two, it establishes the following maximum speed limits for the state highway system: On the state two-lane roads effective September 1, 1996, sixty mile an hour; the expressways, sixty-five mile an hour; on the interstate system, seventy-five mile an hour except for I-129, Dakota County, and I-180 in Lancaster County; the interstate and freeways located in Douglas County, those would be sixty mile an hour. It also authorizes the Department of Roads to lower the maximum speed limits based on engineering and traffic studies. There's stricken language that sets and allows the Department of Roads to determine speed limits based on time of day, type of vehicle, and weather conditions. And it sets up a statutory schedule for fines for speeding on the interstate system. We've outlined those, those will be the subject of the pending Chambers amendment. And I won't go over those because we'll have plenty of time to outline those. In addition, it incorporates a bill by Senator Coordsen that would double the fines for speeding through construction zones. And it also sets out new duties for...well, or new intent language for enforcement of the speeds by the department...or the State Patrol, excuse me. And it also does put a new term for expressway to statutorily define those. And without pro or conning of it, whether those are good amendments or bad amendments, Mr. President, those are roughly what the committee amendments do. And I believe we have a pending amendment that we last left on.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Guests of