

Senator McKenzie are here in the north balcony. We have 23 twelfth graders from Nebraska Christian School in Central City along with their teacher. Could you all stand and be recognized, please. Mr. Clerk, what do we have pending as amendments to the committee amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to the committee amendments this morning is by Senator Schrock.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schrock. Anyone authorized to handle the Schrock amendment? Let's pass over that, put that down, let's go to the next...Senator Schrock is here, so we'll go ahead with the amendment.

CLERK: Senator Schrock amendment, Mr. President, it's on page 982 of the Journal. (FA475)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I apologize for holding it up here. Basically this amendment would, on page 6, following line 14 insert the following sentences: "Fifty-five miles per hour on any dustless surface highway that is not a part of the state highway system". What this amendment does is there's a lot of paved county roads in rural Nebraska, probably in any parts of Nebraska. And unlike our state and federal highways, their ditches are not as well thought out. You have some deep ditches, your shoulders aren't as good or as well maintained, they're not as wide. And I've had a lot of people contact me about stretches of road in my district that are county roads. They're paved roads and some cases they're good roads. But I've had people contact me about their concern about increasing the speed limit on those roads. If you go in the ditch on a state highway or a federal highway, chances are you've got a nice shoulder, good chance you won't have an accident. But a lot of these paved county roads, ditches are abrupt, there's not much shoulders, and so I'm offering this amendment so that the speed limit would not exceed 55 on these roads, even though they are paved. And it's my understanding, and maybe Senator Kristensen, if he's available could correct me or tell me if I'm wrong, that the county supervisors have some control over the speed limits on these roads, and they would not have to increase the speed limit to 60 miles per hour even though the state is increasing the speed