

thing, and a lot of them don't have shoulders on them. I think it's a very good idea to maintain those roads at the present speed level of 55 mile an hour. I might add that several state hard-surfaced roads right now don't have shoulders either, and I'm sure Senator Robinson can agree with me on this that Highway 91 between Blair and Nickerson is a very narrow, narrow highway. And I would certainly hate to see that, that stretch of highway, 17 miles, boosted up any higher than it is right now. And at that I think is why the Department of Roads will have the ability to lower the speed level on certain roads. I understand that you can't go above the speed limit, but you can lower it. So if we do set that speed limit at 60 mile and hour or 65 or whatever we end up with, the Department of Roads will have the ability to lower that speed limit on any roads. Never can go above it, but they can, they can lower it. And there are roads, especially in the eastern part of the state, that the conditions of the road and the volume of traffic there on them should...should predict what kind of a speed limit should be set on that. And hopefully the Department of Roads will use good judgment in their decisions in their decisions on the speed limit, what will be set on the roads. But, on the other hand, we're talking about those county roads, yes, they do have to follow certain standards when they're using funds other than their own. And I am sure that, someone can correct me on this, but any signage that is put on a county road is done by the county and not by the state. If I'm wrong, I wish someone would let me know that. But I'm sure that any signage changes would be the responsibility of the county. And thank you very much, that's all I have to add.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Just briefly, Madam President. Members of the Legislature, I will support Senator Schrock's amendment. Just to mention my attitude toward this bill and the whole way we're going to deal with it, people have come to me with various amendments. And even though my name is on the bill, it belongs to the Legislature. The speed limit is something definitely of statewide concern and I don't think, even though we're increasing the speed limit on the highway, that there is any reason for us to try to hurry up and get through this bill and prevent people from offering the amendments they have. Every aspect of the question is available for discussion, and I hope we will go ahead and do that. And unlike some people on a bill