

will be improved. But at the present time I think we need to consider particularly those roads that are very narrow, even if they're...whether they're county or a state, where there certainly is not a great deal of safety built into the road, because when many of those roads were built, cars didn't travel at the speeds that they do nowadays. And, of course, they didn't take into consideration what might happen in the future. But as I said before, I think there's been a great deal of consideration into the rebuilding and redesigning of these roads to make them more safer. I would have a little problem with us putting the same speed limit on some of those very narrow roads that do not, in fact, have any shoulder, any area that you can get to. I had an incident happen where I met a, a...just recently, a car that was trying to pass another car and there happened to be a shoulder there, and as a result we were able to almost pass three side by side, or to meet three side by side. Had that been on one of those narrow roads and had somebody had to get off in order to let the three cars go by, one of them would have been off in the ditch because there's no shoulders there. So I think we have to continually take into account these special situations that do, in fact, make a difference as to what the safety of a particular stretch of highway is. And I guess as amendments come forth, those things can be considered. And I hope that we will, in fact, take into consideration the safety that's built into a road or may not be built into a road when we make the final determination on what speed limits should be on some of these roads. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. I guess I'd have a couple of questions of Senator Kristensen, if he'd answer please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: What's the current limit on the county roads right now?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Kristensen, will you yield?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: The hard-surfaced roads.