

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: There are two types of roads, and you're right, one is hard-surfaced, the other is classified as nonhard-surfaced. We don't really have a speed limit set for the dustless hard-surfaced roads. When the federal mandate lifts, sky could be the limit for the counties. On the nonpaved roads it's 50 mile an hour, so minimum maintenance, gravel, dust, whatever you have, you know, that's at 50 right now. We don't change that. Senator Schrock's amendment merely deals with the dustless hard-surfaced road.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: So it's whatever the county board wants to put on that county highway currently?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That's correct.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: So what we're doing with this amendment then is taking away the county boards' authority to set that limit. We're setting it for them.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, we're setting a maximum of 55. They're free...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: They could go lower, but they couldn't go higher.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, exactly. Right.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: So if they're, if they want to set it at 50 they could.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: What's, and I think most of them right now are probably 55, I would imagine.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, right now...well, let's say...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Gravel roads are...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Right now isn't a good term, prior to the federal mandate being lifted, they've been...the most they could go is 55 on those roads anyway, so that's where most of them were. I don't know that there's very many counties between the lifting the federal mandate and today have increased those paved