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be a good state policy. And with that I would oppose the Robinson amendment because of the policy, not because that particular road doesn't need to be lowered. It probably does.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, I rise to also oppose the Robinson amendment for many of the same reasons that Senator Kristensen has already elaborated on, and I won't go into those again. But do think that this is, points out what I think is an important part of 901, and that that the Department of Roads be able to, after identification for valid reasons, be able to go and set the appropriate speed limit lower than what the maximum is to ensure safety for the citizens of this state. So I oppose the Robinson amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the body, I'm just about loved to death, you know that, by those three people, just about loved to death. You know it's interesting though that we have the, we're going to...Senator Kristensen talks about fragmenting, but the State Highway Department has that authority to fragment. So, but one thing...let me tell you about Highway 133. I don't know if you've ever been on it, but it starts in Blair, it starts in Blair, and when you get to Omaha you get on the interstate and then it, then it ends, I think it's on 90th Street. So it's all one...it doesn't start on the other side of Blair, it starts in Blair and goes to Omaha. So it's a unique, it's unique in that way. I talked to several constituents and they feel very strongly the road ought to be at 55 miles an hour. And I understand the opposition, but there's going to be more people get killed and...there'll be more after, if it goes up to 60 miles an hour because they'll be going 65 miles an hour around those curves. The shoulders are in horrible shape and I don't know when they're going to get fixed. But I would urge you to pass my amendment. Thank you.

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

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Continuing this little "lovefest" I'd like to ask Senator Robinson a question if I might.