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SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, if Senator Robinson would respond to a question or two.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Sure.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Robinson, will you respond?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator, could you cite for me again those statistics relative to the accident frequency on that stretch?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, there's been 7 deaths since 1988, and it's a...251 injuries, and traffic count is between 5,800 and 6,000 cars a day.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Is the speed limit, is the speed limit currently 55 on that stretch?

SENATOR ROBINSON: That's correct, um-hum.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: And so you've come in and requested that we put in statute the exact same speed limit...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Keep it.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...that has caused that,...

SENATOR ROBINSON: That's correct.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...a dangerous situation.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Right.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I don't understand that, could you explain that? Why wouldn't you come in and ask for a speed limit of 50 miles an hour, or 45 miles an hour on that stretch given the statistics that you provided us?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, if the vote's positive I may bring an amendment back on Select File and lower it to 50.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: So you're, you're...