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SENATOR ROBINSON: I guess I don't want more people to get hurt because the increase the speed, because it'll be 65 miles an hour. You know it and I know it, everyone here. And I'm not disputing what Senator Kristensen and Senator Chambers and Senator Vrtiska is saying.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Wouldn't it make more sense, Senator, with that concern on this particular stretch of highway that you would, if you were going to request a different speed limit than what the new law would be, that you would request a speed limit that would ensure more safety than what currently exists on that road?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, if that's the case we would probably, we would probably keep the interstate at 65, because we're going to increase those and you're going to kill more people. We know it, everyone in here knows that. Now Senator Chambers will probably come back and say it's because of faulty driving, he's probably right. But regardless of that you're going to, you're going to kill more people.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yeah, but, to the...

SENATOR ROBINSON: You know it and I know it.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: On...to the extent that we've had the deliberation so far, I don't think anybody has cited the statistics, safety statistics as a reason to or not to do something, and that's the basis that you've made this request. And so that was the reason for my inquiry because as I was sitting here and trying to listen and understand why you're asking for this treatment on this particular stretch, it didn't make sense to me. And so you've helped clarify that for me a little bit. Thank you.

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

SENATOR ROBINSON: I respect, respectfully,...well, let's see. I see the, I see the charge coming up over the hill. I withdraw the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: It is withdrawn. Thank you, Senator Robinson. Mr. Clerk.