

Because it really does rather scare me when you're going down the interstate at 65 to 70, whatever the speed is, and you have one of these trucks that is speeding and going by you. There is a lot of weight there. A loaded semi weighs at least 80,000 pounds. You put that up against a car that maybe weighs three to four thousand pounds, you're no match for them in an accident, absolutely no match for them at all. And those of you who have not been behind the wheel of one of these vehicles, they go easy. But it does rather scare me when you talk about starting to brake one of these things and having to stop in a rather short distance. So it's not only the cars we're talking about. And I know that there's been some talk in, even in some other states where the speed limit for trucks is different than cars. And I think the committee reached the conclusion that it's not appropriate to have different speed limits for trucks than it is for cars. So I really think in this state we're not in that big of hurry that we have to travel 75 on the interstate, so from that perspective, I am very pleased that Senator Engel has brought this amendment to us. I fully support it and I will tell you that if this amendment is not passed, I will not be supportive of 901. Then, as far as I'm concerned, we can leave the speed limits where they are now.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Witek, followed by Dierks, Chambers, Maurstad, Vrtiska, Schellpeper, and Kristensen. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I also rise in support of the Engel amendment and I agree with Senator Schrock, that I will not support 901 unless the Engel amendment is adopted. First of all I know that I have gone over 70 miles an hour on the interstate, as Senator Chambers mentioned the other day, and I have to start out that honesty, I guess. But I have to talk to you about a conversation I had with my mom when she was here and my son who is 15, who has his permit to drive. And she said, she drove with him during the week when I was at work, and she said after raising 11 children and driving with all of them and teaching them how to drive, and now she was starting on the grand children that it was interesting to get used to this again of driving with teenagers who were learning how to drive. And I talked to her about this bill to raise speed limits, and she told me that she did not think it was a good idea because there are people of varying experiences on the interstate, on all of our roads, and that 75 was just too fast,