

roads, and it was quite an experience, quite a frightening experience for me, and survived it, luckily.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: But there are more accidents from all of our information that we are receiving. So I think just in the interest of keeping the roads as safe as possible for the people I love and care about, I will be voting for the Engel amendment. And if it is not adopted, I, I just don't think I can support 901. I'll just leave it like Senator Schrock said, just leave it the way it is. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Before continuing, Senator Hilgert has, as his guests this morning under the south balcony, Vivian Gast and Jennifer Gast, from Omaha. Would you please rise and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being here. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Senator Crosby and members of the Legislature. I am standing in support of Senator Engel's amendment. I think that 70 miles an hour is just a very adequate speed on the interstate and I understand the differences that people have with that. I think that we provide a little bit of protection in the Omaha area, and that's an extremely dangerous stretch of highway. But I had a letter, and I can't remember who it was from, but someone stipulated in that letter that if you increase the speed limit from 65 to 75 on the interstate it'd take you half an hour, you'd save a half an hour driving across the state. I don't think that that's worth the cost in life and the cost of fuel. I just don't think it's worth it. And I think "safetywise", why, 70 miles an hour is plenty adequate. I was going to ask Senator Kristensen a question if he's available yet.

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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Kristensen, how...I didn't get in the other day on the first part of the debate, how effective is the