

finer part of this bill, as far as...would we try to, with this bill, increase the fines for speeding, how effective is that? Is this going to be like if you're driving 66 in a 65 mile zone are you going to get picked up for speeding? How would the Highway Patrol do that?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: There are two concepts you've interjected there. One of them is what the fines are and the other is what the enforcement practice will be.

SENATOR DIERKS: No, I'm talking about the enforcement, I'm sorry.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, the enforcement practice, obviously, is going to be up to the State Patrol. They're not going to put on any more officers. Now, what we've done in here is put in affirmative duty that that's something they should do, is the enforcement of the primary speeds in the state of Nebraska. But you don't have an A bill here that's adding five more State Patrol officers to it. As a practical matter, however, as you raise the speed, the Patrol, and you'll see in this packet that I've handed out, you'll see their comments about speed enforcement. Obviously, they think that if the fines are increased a little bit and that the speeds go up, that it's more dangerous to speed a little over 75 than it is to speed a little more over 70. And, in fact, if the speeds go higher you're going to have to have better enforcement. But is that something you can quantify? Is that something I can set and say, look, you're going to get absolute enforcement? No, but as a general practice you're going to get better enforcement the higher the speed because the fudge factor is going to come in. The motoring public are traveling about 73 right now. If you move it to 70, they're still going to travel 73, they'll probably maybe even a little more, they'll go up to 75 or 76 because you have the fudge factor. Our thought was you get to 75 you put in those stiffer fines, you're still going to have a fudge factor of a mile or two, but you're not going to have that five or six mile an hour fudge factor. We didn't want it to go any higher, and that's the...that's where enforcement played a part for us.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you. I appreciate that. I still believe I'm going to be very supportive of Senator Engel's amendment. I think that this is sensible, as sensible as we can do, I guess. I'm not even sure that 70 is sensible, but I'll support the 70