

isn't a very complicated policy choice, but it is a matter between 70 and 75 on the interstate, and in terms of getting somewhere quicker or being safer there was one senator who made some remarks about the difference in drivers. Regardless of what the speed is set at, you are going to have a difference in driver skills, and you are going to spend some time in the next few years putting back in some safety issues. And so regardless of how you vote on this, the committee did set it at 75. I think that that's the practical view. I think that's one that most citizens will accept. Will you burn a little more fuel? Perhaps. Will it be a little more dangerous? I don't know. Statistically, for every mile an hour you go up, that's true, but if you set it at 70, I think you are going to see that fudge factor creep back in, and you are going to have people driving at those higher speeds anyway. And so, as a practical matter, we thought that we would...we'd set the realistic speed limit at 75. I would hope that you would support the committee amendment, and I'd be happy to answer any questions particularly as it relates to designs or...

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SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...conditions of entrance ramps or what our road system is designed to do and other aspects. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Schellpeper, you are recognized on the Engel amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. I also rise to oppose the Engel amendment. I think what the members of this body keep forgetting is if we raise the speed limit to 75, you don't have to drive 75. If you are comfortable driving 65, drive 65. I heard several comments this morning about, gee, I don't like to drive 75, that's way too fast. Well, then don't drive 75. You can drive whatever you want, but if a person wants to drive 75, and if he is capable of driving 75, and if his vehicle is capable of driving 75, let's let him drive 75, rather than having it set at 70 and have that fudge factor in there. Because if you are going down the interstate currently, and if you're only driving 70, you are going to be passed by about three-fourths of the people. I think if you