

Senator Abboud waives. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I have not really taken a strong position on this speed limit bill, but I do think I want to read into the record a typical letter of some that I've received, and I think it points out fairly clearly probably what many of you are thinking. And it goes like this: Hey, what is going up there on the speed limit? To limit the speed to two-lane paved highways to 60 is a step back. You might as well leave it at 55. In fact, everyone, at the present time, is driving at 62, and cops don't issue a ticket under 65. I just came back from California on two lanes, and the two lanes in Texas...and two lanes in Texas are 70 and Oklahoma is 65, and, of course, we know Kansas is still debating. But this gentleman said, leave it as it used to be, 65 on two-lane highways, 75 on interstates, and 55 on county roads. Everyone is happy, and, for heaven's sake, keep the truck limits the same as the cars. I don't think a bigger pain than try...there's a bigger pain than trying to pass a slow-moving truck on a hilly road, and it's dangerous. That's a typical letter of a number that I've received of people who are saying, obviously, they want the speed limit at 75, and they want it 65 on the two-lane roads. I am not standing here advocating whether it should be or what it should be, but I just think you need to know what some of the people are saying out there, and it's...to be honest about it, in my own particular case, I believe that it's been brought out by a great many people that the interstate was originally designed for 75. Maybe 75 is right, I don't know. I am willing to abide by what the majority of the body want to do. I just wanted to bring up this point that they're, obviously, and as I said before, this is typical of some of the letters I'm getting. Obviously, there is some people that think it ought to be at 65 and 75. There are a few people, and there are some people saying it ought to be at 60 and 70. I am going to continue to listen to the debate and try to make up my mind on what the majority of the people want to do, and then sort of fit in there somewhere. Like I said, right now, I am leaning a little towards 75 on the interstate simply because I understand it was designed and is probably more safe on the interstate at 75 than it is at 60 on a two-lane road. So I just wanted to put that in the record because, again, it is typical of some of the mail that I've received and thought perhaps maybe some of you seen the same...received the same, but, certainly, it is another issue we