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SENATOR SCHROCK: And if the speed limit is reduced to 70 on the interstate, do you think they will write tickets before we get to 75?

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I don't. I think the practical speed limit will be very similar to what we are at right now, only that you will move it up a few mile an hour. If we move it from 65 to 70, my guess is that the fudge factor will move up four, five miles an hour and you will be driving 75, 76. You might be pushing...you might be pushing the envelope at 77, but you're quibbling then over a mile an hour and it isn't worth it.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I think the point that I want to make is that whether we like it or not, and it is repulsive to me, there is always going to be some kind of a fudge factor. I think that we've come to the conclusion that the lower we set the limit...set the limit, the larger the fudge factor, but it's always going to be there. And so if we set the limit at 70, people will probably drive 72 and 73 mile an hour and get away with it on a regular basis, and that's one reason I am supporting the amendment.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Kristensen, your light is next.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers, I want to respond to the conversation that you and Senator Engel had a little bit ago, just so people are clear on what we're doing. The committee amendment has 75 from the Wyoming border until the Harrison Street exist, which is the Douglas-Lancaster County line. Now Senator Engel told you that his amendment took everything on the interstate system to 70. That's not, and, Senator Engel, I want you to listen. I don't think that's true. I think what your amendment does is everywhere we had 75 he lowers it to 70 because otherwise we have it setting at a lower speed from Harrison County (sic) to the Iowa border. He is not raising that to 70 mile an hour. Is that correct, Senator Engel?

SENATOR ENGEL: Can I respond?