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SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...any impact upon practically what's happening.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. Senator Kristensen, when was the, and I am sure I have this, when was the speed limit lowered to 65? What year was that?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: On the interstate system?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: In 1974, we went from 75 to 55. Then it got relaxed again in 1987, and this state went up to 65 in '87.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, how much...how much has the amount of traffic increased since the speed limit went up to 65? You have any idea on that?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I've got those numbers, but I can't pull them right off the top of my head. I will punch my light in, if you want to find them, or I will bring them over to you.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It has increased.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I thought it might be interesting to share a column that appeared in our local paper on Tuesday, February 6th, quoting Senator Doug Kristensen, who said it best: The public should be mindful that higher speed limits are like rich desserts--everyone wants them, but they may not be good for you. And I guess I want to go on record in support of Senator Engel's motion. I've received many letters, phone calls from constituents that would prefer to see the speed limit kept as it is, but I've stated in some of my meetings and things that I would be willing to compromise and raise it to 70 miles per hour. I do have several trucking companies also within my