

of them, and they prevent an accident instead of letting it happen, then coming to pick up the pieces. We don't even have to talk about how they are going to enforce the law. How were they doing it when the speed limit was 75 miles an hour? Who even cares? Nobody who is talking about enforcing the law even cares. Nobody talking about that now even knows how they enforce it. All of this is political posturing and we know it. How many go out there and sit beside the road to watch how...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...these troopers enforce the law? Nobody. Some might ride with them occasionally, and then they get an education from the trooper on what it is they do. With all the miles of highway in this state, you couldn't hire enough troopers to do what some people on this floor talk like they want the troopers to do, and you shouldn't even reduce them to that level. They originally were called the Safety Patrol, but then the Legislature decided they would do...they would do other things, so that designation was changed. I am not worried about enforcement. I am not worried about more accidents. What will happen is that Senator Matzke, if you raise the limit to 75, can drive like he drives now and he's legal. That's all that does. It legalizes most people who will probably continue to drive at the rate they drive. That's what's going to happen.

SENATOR WILL: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. If Senator Stuhr could respond to a question, is she still on the floor? She looks like she is busy negotiating, so let me...let me state, first of all, that I support the committee amendment. I introduced LB 920, which addressed the speed limits on the highways that...noninterstate highways. We've mostly been discussing the interstate so far today, and I also support the provisions in the committee amendment dealing with tough fines with an attempt to try to provide less of an incentive for individuals to break our laws. But the real reason why I think, and I don't support the Senator Engel amendment, is that I have a problem with a law that we have on the books right now that there is just flat, blatant disregard for. And it seems to me to be not good public policy to continue to have a situation where it's demonstrated by the evidence of the citizenry that