

they are not abiding by the statute. So it makes sense to me that we take the law, the speed limit back to where it was prior to the oil shortage, and for that reason I do not support the Engel amendment, and support the committee amendment. And, Senator Stuhr, could you respond...Senator Stuhr, could you respond to a question for me, please, while I have just a couple of minutes on my time here?

SENATOR WILL: Senator Stuhr, would you yield?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Relative to the information that you provided us by the truckers, if the information that you provided, and I don't doubt that it's accurate, but I'm having a hard time understanding, and if you could give an explanation as to why, if that is, in fact, true that they don't drive 60 miles an hour. It seems to me that they'd have a great deal of savings if they drove and set their speedometers at 60 miles an hour and could increase their profits from that...from that maneuver. Do you have, do you know why they don't do that?

SENATOR STUHR: No, I don't except that 65 was the limit that seems to be appropriate for them considering probably time. I, you know, I don't know any other reason.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you. You know, one reason they probably said it is because it is the law and they want, of course, to be law-abiding citizens, but I think in part of their testimony they talked about making sure that there wasn't a differential between the speed limit set for trucks and speed limit for vehicles because of the safety factor. But if, in fact, the statistics are right and the traffic is moving as it is on the interstate, if they have their speed limit or speedometers set at 65, they've built in that differential in the current situation. But it just seems to me that if their concerns were taken to heart that they would be setting their speedometers at 60 miles an hour, and I'm...I'm just sure that the real reason in the minds that are associated with the truckers association, that they'll...they'll provide me my answer shortly. So, Mr. President, I relinquish the balance of my time and thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body.