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SENATOR CUDABACK: So some of it would stay at 55, or whatever, 65.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, no, I just, real quick, you are going to go at 60 mile an hour through those areas. We raise from 55 to 60. But they are still, you know, they are still going to be lower.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Still lower.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Right.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay, thank you, Senator Kristensen. Currently, many people think that trucks do drive faster than most cars because they zoom by you, you know, and it seems like all trucks are driving this speed. Currently, trucks drive about 63 miles per hour on an average, and so I don't think we can lay all of our problems onto the truckers. Most of them do drive with common sense and I just...

SENATOR WILL: Time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think the best analysis we've had of this entire matter was just given by Senator Chambers a few minutes ago. We know the traffic flow from the studies that have been made are over 70 miles an hour. Last year, David Barry, who is a nationally known columnist and humorist, wrote an article about the national pretend speed limit. He said Congress passed a bill that established a national pretend speed limit that states followed and they passed national pretend speed limits. Law enforcement officers pretended to enforce them. Of course, they did not, and people pretended that they were abiding by the speed limit, when everybody knows they were not doing so. I am afraid that we're on the verge of adopting a pretend speed limit here if we reduce the speed limit to 70 miles an hour when up to 85 percent of the people of this state are driving on the interstate at an average of up to 73 miles per hour. As I say, I think that Senator Chambers' analysis of this was absolutely correct. It is fallacious for us to set a speed limit that is