

bill. For those of you who have been doing other things, here is what the committee amendments do again. One is they become the bill. Two is we set the following maximum speed limits for the state highway system, not the counties, the state highway system: on the two-lane state roads effective September 1, 1996, it's 60 mile an hour; the expressways are 65; the interstate system and the freeways are 75, except for I-129 in Dakota County and I-180 in Lancaster County, and the interstates and freeways located in Douglas County, those are 60 mile an hour. The interstate speed limits take effect 90 days following adjournment. We also give the Department of Roads the authority to lower maximum speed limits based on an engineering or traffic study. We also strike out language from the Department of Roads that would be able to set speed limits different from day and night, type of vehicle, or weather conditions. We also set up a statutory schedule for fines and, most notably, those are the ones that I think we'll debate once the committee amendments get adopted, but just for people to review those: from 1 to 5 on the interstate system it's 25 dollars, 6 to 10 is 50 dollars, 11 to 15 mile an hour over is 100, 16 to 20 over is 200 dollars, and anything over 21 mile an hour, which would be basically 96 mile an hour and above, is 250 dollars. We statutorily put in the fines for the two-lane roads which are the same fines that are today's waiver schedule. We also, for anyone found guilty of speeding in a maintenance or construction zone, those fines are doubled. We also add language to a new section which states the duties of the State Patrol officers shall be the specific enforcement of the maximum speed limits. We put in a new definition for "expressways". And then the Schrock amendment to the committee amendments sets a maximum speed limit for paved county roads, not gravel, not minimum maintenance, but paved county roads at a maximum of 55 mile an hour. That is the committee amendment. I'd urge its adoption. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The ..you've heard the closing. The question before the body now is, shall the committee amendments to LB 901 be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK. 26 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Committee amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything else? Oh, Senator Chambers, I'm sorry, we understand that you have not opened on the bill yet, so... People are