

language, if we use, Senator Kristensen, if I might use the word, a bit of charm, we can achieve the same goal. Now, I am going to offer an amendment. The first one that I'm going to offer will be to strike this language about the specific enforcement. That would strike all of Section 4 found on pages 4 and 5 of the committee amendment. Because the only change in the law embodied in Section 4 is that terminology that I shared with you. And I'm not striking it because I think that the committee was not sincere in what they were trying to accomplish, but I just don't see this as a means to achieve what it is they desire because what they desire will never be done. If there were to be an absolute or strict enforcement of that limit laid out on that sign meaning that if a vehicle is determined to be traveling one mile an hour faster than that speed or two miles an hour faster a citation would have to be issued for exceeding the speed limit. First of all, if a trooper wrote tickets like that the colonel would explain to him or her that you're out there wasting time, you got too much time on your hands or you're letting other things go. That is not the way traffic laws are to be enforced. If the colonel did not say that, when the ticket would be brought to a prosecutor the prosecutor would say, son, or, daughter, come over here and let me talk to you for a moment and explain something to you. Maybe you just got out of the academy and they made you think that every violation of the law is on a par with every other violation or that as soon as you clock a vehicle going any amount over the speed limit citing...citing is in order. That's not the case. A judge would throw it out of court, as it should be done. So no matter what the speed limit is, people are going to drive at a comfortable rate. Officers are going to enforce the law as they see fit. In this instance, when we raise the speed limit I think they're going to look at what the flow of traffic is first and foremost. If they see a vehicle going much faster than that flow of traffic, or substantially faster, whatever those two terms might mean, that's when the enforcement hammer falls. So I am going to put that amendment before the body and when it's actually before us then maybe I can engage at least some of the members of the committee and maybe other members of the body in a discussion so that I can try to persuade you to strike this language from the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: There are amendments pending I understand. Thank you for the opening, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, amendments.