

we will continue to drive 55 mile an hour even if this bill's passed at 60, because the Department of Roads has recommended 55. What Senator Wickersham is saying and what I would concur with is that there are roads in this state that have been characterized as dangerous that are long, they are straight, their visibility is good, their traffic density is very low, and in those areas where you have that situation the Department of Roads, with traffic and engineering studies to back them up and design criteria that are correct, with wide bridges, could allow a speed that's reasonable so that people that have towns that are 30 and 40 miles apart can be able to get there in less time. The constituents in my district have a number of roads of that nature and would very much appreciate the ability to ask the Department of Roads to consider allowing them a little more economy of time. I don't know that very many roads in the state will even raise to 60, as in Senator Robinson's case. The Department of Roads has been very conscientious and it does its job well. Allowing them one five-mile increment of discretion I don't think is improper and, with that, I would support Senator Wickersham and hope that the rest of the body will give us serious consideration knowing that we'll probably see only a few roads that are allowed the luxury of 65. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS PRESIDING

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Kristensen, I have a question for you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Where's he at? Don't see him.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Is Senator Kristensen in the Chamber?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, maybe you can answer the question, Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR ROBINSON: The roads that you're talking about,