

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: It would allow 65 miles an hour on all the two-lane highways, anything that isn't interstate. But it also, as the bill is structured, allows for the Department of Roads to set a lower limit where that would be appropriate.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, thank you. I'm going to rise to oppose this. And part of the reason is that I am concerned about the confusion that drivers will have. I can think of roads in my area that will be just as...the design will be very similar as they are in the Sandhills, let's say. I very much appreciate the fact that it's going to be more easy or easier to drive faster in the Sandhills area, for example, I'm going to use Highway 20 just so we have something to talk about. And then I look at a road that's north of Nebraska City that's designed very similar, they're both...but the traffic on that one is enormously greater than it is in the Sandhills. So I think it's going to, in my opinion, it's going to make for confusion for drivers, depending where they're...going to forget what part of the state they're at...in. So there's going to be a tendency to speed up on some roads and others they won't. I've got caught like that in Texas myself. I was driving on expressway. Thought I was on an interstate. I was ten miles over. And I think that can happen here. People don't pay quite that much attention to signs as they should. And so I think just for the sake of consistency we ought to keep it statewide about the same. I don't know whether Senator Kristensen has any comments about having lots of changing speed limits across the state. If he does, you can have my time; if not, that's all I have to say.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Kristensen, if you want any time, there would be about three minutes left.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Wehrbein, I just...I'm sorry, I was talking about another issue with...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: My question is if you have rates that vary by...across the state on the same types of road, but traffic count and other things might be...is confusing to drivers, that's my point. I don't know if there is any studies on that, which is really my question, or not. My thought it might be confusing.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'm not aware of any studies, but I can