

tell you in generalities, listening to testimony, is that when you go down a stretch of road you're going to find parts, because roads aren't improved entirely from end to end, they're done in sections. So you may go a section of road where it is very good for 10, 15 miles, that's wide, the grades have been taken out, the curves are gone and you could travel faster. You then will run into a section of that road where the bid was done, or we just ran out of money, or we'll just have to do it the next time around. And that will have an up and down effect. Practically, what happens, people are going to see one stretch and say that's what it all is and off I go. And the other part that I have, and I think, quite frankly, Senator Wickersham's classic line in Revenue once in a while is, out west we have a way of taking care of ourselves, thank you. (Laughter) I can't give the same emphasis on "thank you" as he does, but the idea is the same. In other words, there are those stretches of road where, quite frankly, they're going to let you speed, there isn't high traffic count, it isn't worth their time, and the people they pick up are probably going to be their friends and neighbors. And they know the people that are abusing that. But if you have a 2 county license plate, I'd probably travel the correct speed. They have a way of taking care of themselves. So, that would be my response.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Janssen, you're recognized next to speak, followed by Senators Maurstad, Schellpeper, and Elmer. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Bernard-Stevens, members of the body, I realize that if we set this at 65 miles an hour, as the amendment asks, it will be up to the discretion of the Department of Roads to specify those roads which are less, should be set at less. That's putting a lot of faith in the Department of Roads to set that speed limit, say, at 55 mile an hour on a heavily traveled road. As Senator Kristensen said, are you going to have a 15-mile stretch that's going to be 65, and then you come to a stretch of the road that is going to be a little more dangerous, a little more hilly? Are you going to be aware of the fact that you should slow down, or risk the chance of being in an accident? You never know when there's going to be someone coming over the next hill that may be going a little bit faster. And I think of what Senator Robinson was talking about on Highway 133, that goes from Blair to...into Interstate 80 in Omaha, he said, sure, they can set that lower,