

assume with that theory, there will be a lot of people driving 39 in the state. (Laughter) Senator Maurstad, you're recognized at this time.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. I've given this a little bit of thought and some...visited with a few of the other members, given that LB 920 that I introduced that became a part of the committee amendments, the main reason why I introduced that bill is because it was getting close to the session and the only bill that had been introduced so far dealt only with the interstates. And I felt that the 9,500 miles of state highways ought to be considered in this debate, and I'm sure it would have been, even if I wouldn't have introduced the bill. But that bill had 60 miles an hour on the two-lane, and 65 on the expressways. And since I introduced that bill, surprisingly, because this is an issue that the citizens of the state are concerned about and watching, I've gotten a fair amount of feedback, and most of it relative to the...and almost, not unanimously, but a significant percentage, greater than 80 percent I would say, just off the top of my head, is supportive of the 60 miles an hour on two-lane and 65 on four-lane. Most of the concern has been with the interstate speed. And I just mention that for informational purposes. But what I really am concerned about is if this motion does pass where we go 65 on the two-lane, it would seem to me to be logical that there would be an amendment to increase the four-lane expressway to 70, then we would have 65 on the two-lane, 70 on the four-lane expressways, and 75 on the interstate. And I believe at that point that the support for the measure might begin to wane. And I would not want to see that. I am supportive of what the Transportation Committee has brought to the floor. So, with that, I think that there are good reasons for the way that the bill is written. Senator Wickersham, of course, makes some, as he usually does, makes some excellent arguments for his amendment. But I have to continue to stay with the bill as it's written. So I would urge the body to vote against the Wickersham amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, your highness. Members, I kind of feel sorry for Senator Wickersham. Everybody is picking on