

the roads in the state of Nebraska, except for the interstate system, and those would remain set at 70 and 75 miles an hour, as in the...stated in the committee proposal. The clincher for me is that the Department of Roads is authorized to lower speed limits if engineering studies would warrant that. There have been a couple of things raised during the debate that I think are a bit unusual. One is the notion that somehow we would wind up with confusion about speed limits in the state of Nebraska if we do this. I have...I have been stopped because I was confused about speed limits, but it was within municipal limits, within the limits of municipalities. In fact, I've been stopped when I was traveling 55 miles an hour, in a 45 mile an hour speed zone, at Ogallala. The 45 mile an hour speed zone starts way...on the far northern side of Ogallala, in fact I don't think it's even within the city limits, I'd be surprised if it is. But sure enough, it's 45 miles an hour there for some reason. And I thought it was 55 miles an hour, and that's what I was doing. So it is incumbent, and Senator Wehrbein even admitted to a minor infraction, I take it, in a foreign state when he thought that the speed limit was 65, and in reality it was 55. Well, colleagues, I mean that's always going to happen. It is incumbent upon each of us to be attentive to those little white and black signs unless we have a driver or a copilot with us who takes care of that stuff, reads the map, points out all those little signs to us, otherwise that is our responsibility, and it's a responsibility that I think we can reasonably discharge for ourself to read the signs and figure out what the speed limit is wherever we're at. The other item, and Senator Kristensen, I can't see how it relates to this debate at all, but the notion that somehow that if we allow 65 miles an hour on some of the two-lane roads in this state, that we will have a tremendous run on the Highway Trust Fund. I cannot quite let that pass without comment because I think, as everyone is aware, the Department of Roads has very jealously set out the standards that it uses for the development of the roads across the state of Nebraska. We're somewhere in the process of a 20-year build program that will improve all of the roads across the state of Nebraska. Maybe what Senator Kristensen was really suggesting was that I should continue to serve in the Legislature for another 20 years...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...so when we finish the current