

at 60 on those two-lane roads. And what we've really come to the conclusion is there are some roads in the state of Nebraska, those two-lane roads, that you probably could travel 70 mile an hour on. You probably could travel 80 mile an hour. But is that a good policy to set every road in the state of Nebraska, on those two-lane roads, for what a few roads can travel and handle? I mean the bottom line here is that as you travel further west there's fewer people and it's part of this philosophy, it's my right, my freedom to go as fast as I want. Maybe you ought do what Montana's said--whatever's reasonable. If you have an accident then that's when you're going to get in trouble, and if I'm not hurting anybody, if I travel 100 mile an hour down Highway 2 I'm not hurting anybody, maybe that's the policy we ought to do. I don't think so. The two-lane roads are dangerous and, quite frankly, if you want to save lives, then we ought to put in here that you're going to have to wear a helmet, that you're going to travel 50 mile an hour. That's the ultimate safety. I don't think that's practical. I don't think anybody's going to stand still for that. But as you get to 65 mile an hour and if you do have a little fudge factor, then on our two-lane roads you really are going to be going 66-67, creeping up to 68, and I don't think that's a good safe state policy to have on those two-lane roads. The other problem I have is by setting it up at 65 and coming down is that you're going to have a lot of pressure on people from local governing boards, citizens saying fix my road ahead of this road so I can go faster, and that's not the reason you improve a road. You improve roads for safety and to handle the load that's out there for commercial reasons or to handle the traffic that's flowing, and all of a sudden we're going to change our priorities and we're going to say, look, I want to travel faster so come spend money on my road so I can do 65 instead of 60. That's not a good reason to be spending our resources on roads,...

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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...just so you can travel faster. And is it going to be an inconvenience for some people to only go 60 mile an hour legally? It might be some inconvenience, but the average trip in the state is less than 50 miles per trip. Now think about what time you're going to save that extra five mile an hour. Not very much, two, three minutes. Is that one where