

doing is accommodating the people of the state of Nebraska. There's already a study from the Department of Roads that shows that they travel at 62 and 63 miles an hour on the roads. I don't see, Senator Kristensen, if we set the limit at 60 miles an hour, why they are magically going to start complying with that speed limit, any more than they've complied with 55 miles an hour. I think you made the statement that somehow people are going to accept that and that they will somehow want to drive 60 miles an hour. They not going to want to drive 60 miles an hour, Senator Kristensen. They're going to continue to drive 62 and 63 miles an hour and maybe the law enforcement officers will say that 62 or 63 isn't enough for me to bother and they will all go on their way and continue to travel 62 or 63 miles an hour ignoring the wisdom of the Legislature and basking in the discretion and good judgment of law enforcement officers. I don't know whether that's exactly the way it will turn out or not, but I think it has a good chance of turning out that way. I just can't...I, frankly, cannot understand the Chair of the Transportation Committee standing up repeatedly and telling us that two-lane highways are dangerous. If the two-lane highways in the state of Nebraska are dangerous, inherently dangerous, then, indeed, we do need to spend a lot of money rebuilding them to conditions where they are not inherently dangerous. I don't think Senator Kristensen means that. I wish he wouldn't say it. I think it sends the wrong message to our constituents in the state of Nebraska. I think for the most part we have good roads in the state of Nebraska and certainly we're engaged in a building program that will produce even better roads for the state of Nebraska. If we're only building dangerous roads, I'm assuming that we should stop building, period. I, frankly, do not understand that argument at all. And I do not understand the argument that somehow if we provide for a...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...maximum speed limit of 65 miles an hour that we're going to have a run on the Highway Trust Fund because people are going to tell the Department of Roads that they want to be able to drive 65 miles an hour. People have been trying to tell the Department of Roads what they wanted for roads for years. It's always been largely unsuccessful. The Department of Roads has engineers and they decide how to build and where to build and when to build based on engineering studies. It's been my experience that very few times have they paid attention to