

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Pedersen. Senator Pedersen. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. Members of the Legislature, this I envision to be my last time to speak on this motion to reconsider. I think there is some page from the book that's probably true, this is a bill that is easy to debate and perhaps doesn't have the most intellectually deep subject matter, but it doesn't mean that the policy isn't any more important. In fact, the policy is terribly important. And, Senator Wickersham, the two-lane roads are inherently more dangerous than the interstate. I'll say it till you get tired of hearing it. And you might want to drive as fast as you can until it kills you and it just may do that. Drivers in Nebraska are more than twice as likely to die on a highway than they are on Interstate 80. That is a simple fact that you cannot deny, twice as likely. That also includes injuries and accidents. That extra five seconds a mile that you're going to save isn't worth it as a state policy and it is inconvenient. What I said was that if you're going to have safety as your top consideration that you would wear a helmet and you would go 50 mile an hour, and I wouldn't want to be the Director of Roads because I'd have to deal with state senators who all want to have their highway speeds lessened, because that's what occurs. Whenever there's a problem in the state they don't come to the State Department of Roads and want it increased. They want to decrease the speeds. When there's a problem, speed is the first thing they reduce. There are other important issues on the bill and I would hope that this body would see that this is one of the watermark issues. The speed on the interstate, the speed on the two-lane roads, and Senator Chambers' issues with the penalties, those are the three issues we've got to decide here. I think we've made that decision once on the two-lane roads. I'd hope we'd stick with that decision and I would urge you to not reconsider the Wickersham amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Maurstad. There are no further lights. Seeing no further lights, Senator Wicker...excuse me, Senator McKenzie to close.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. Senator Kristensen, you're comments I think about safety are ones that we ought to consider, but I was just remarking, in fact, offered to file this motion to reconsider based on travels