

enough already. And so I would oppose this. It either ought to be 70 and we enforce it; it ought to be 75, we enforce it, but to simply say 70 with no point loss and a reduced fine, as I understand it, simply means the law is 75 to most people, and they know they won't get stopped. And so I think this is sending the wrong message to the public. It encourages fudging on other areas of the law eventually, frankly, and so I am going to oppose this.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I assume that nobody has this amendment, and I don't think Senator Avery really highlighted one of the major parts of this, and I know procedurally I can't raise that this is a reconsideration, but what it is is it is a reargument of the 75 or 70 mile an hour speed limit because that's...that's in there. That's probably the major policy choice here that just kind of got touched on as we went by. Members, what this does is it lowers the interstate speed from 75 to 70. Now you may want to do that. I am not...that's a legitimate policy decision we discussed and I am sure that there are other people, and we are going to probably do it on Select File, but know that that is in this amendment. The other one is that you are going to institutionalize and we are going to go back to the fudge factor, only this time we are really going to put it in place because you can speed all you want as long as you pay your fine; you don't have any points to worry about, it's just the cost of doing business to speed on the interstate. And I suggest to you that, you know, that's what we have been trying to get away from, and it is too bad that these things come as a floor amendment, particularly that policy because this has been a major dispute that we've had, or it's been one that we've discussed. To not pass it out to anybody and not give them any notice, and then to touch on it briefly isn't the best way to do legislation out here. I would hope that the body, no matter how you feel about 75 versus 70, that you would at least like a chance to look at the amendments before you have the possibility to vote on them. Even if you'd have had it two weeks, this is terrible policy and I hope you see through what's going on here. It's an amendment to, basically, say, look, you know, we want to have our cake and eat it too, and you can look at people and say, hey, I tried to get it down to 70, but the body had it up