

factor, as it was called, allowed people to travel at a reasonable rate of speed, but you still would be punished. Senator Avery is trying to lower the speed limit. As Senator Kristensen said, in effect, it may be a reconsideration, but the point is, even with his amendment, you're raising the speed limit, you are inviting people to violate the speed limit. The reason I want 75 on the sign is to say that this is the speed limit that the Legislature intends. It is not done with a wink and a nod in the way that Senator Avery is recommending. When I tried to do it and was successful, those many, many years ago, I made it crystal-clear what I was doing. I didn't want us to have to comply with a federally mandated 55 miles an hour, but since that's what we had to put on the sign, I wanted to show that there is a way around it, and we found it, and we did it. We're not in that situation now. We can set the speed limit at 115 miles an hour, if we choose, and there is no threat from the federal government. So the circumstances, that, in my opinion, justified building that so-called fudge factor into the law does not exist now. Those circumstances do not exist. Since we are not faced with the same set of circumstances, the same expedient that was appropriate at that...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...time is not appropriate at this time. And instead of picking here and there at these penalties, like somebody would pick at a scab, it tends to ripen from the outside in. So if you pick at the edge of it, it is not as sensitive as when you get to the middle. Senator Avery wants to pick at the edges. I want to go after the whole wound and cleanse it, sterilize it, bandage it, and create a healthy law in terms of the penalties that we enforce. I am opposed to Senator Avery's amendment, but I hope when he listens to mine, he will support it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, thank you, Madam Chairman and members. Senator Avery, in your opening statement, you didn't mention anything about lowering the speed limit to 70, is that an oversight, or was that intentionally?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Avery.