

CLERK: Senator Maurstad would move to amend Senator Chambers' amendment. (Maurstad amendment, FA538, appears on pages 1203-04 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROPAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Maurstad to open on his amendment.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. And I also agree with the work that the committee has done relative to trying to address the, especially on the upper end of the speed limit scale. But in an effort to maybe provide some ability to move this along, the amendment primarily does this, if you'll look at the three columns on the chart that Senator Chambers passed out, it would not change the fine for 1 to 5 miles an hour, that would stay at 10 miles an hour. It would not change the fine for 6 to 10 miles an hour, that would stay at 25 miles an hour. The last three, however, I make some adjustments in this amendment. First, 11 to 15 would be \$75 instead of \$50, as Senator Chambers has proposed; 16 to 20 miles an hour would be \$125 fine, instead of the \$75 that Senator Chambers is proposing; and finally, for going 21 miles or over, instead of \$100 fine as Senator Chambers is proposing, it would be \$200. My logic for this is that I think you can unconsciously speed at between 1 and 10 miles an hour. I think when you start speeding in excess of 10 miles an hour you're doing so consciously, and thereby, I think, there should be a stiffer penalty for that, especially as we get up to the 20 miles an hour and over. So the attempt here is to try to provide some measure of common ground in that I do believe we need to have stiffer fines on the upper end if we're going to encourage Nebraskans to abide by...abide by the speed limit. So I've tried to find somewhat of a happy medium between what the committee originally proposed and what Senator Chambers is proposing here. My last comment would be I agree with Senator Kristensen's concern about coming into cities and villages, and certainly think that if that's not addressed currently in the bill, that it should be addressed. And I would be also supportive of that. With that brief description, hopefully it's clear to everybody, basically just changing the fine amount on the last three levels, 11 to 15, from 50 to 75; 16 to 20, from 75 to 125; 21 and over, from 100 to 200, as Senator Chambers has proposed in his amendment, and would ask the membership to support my amendment to Senator Chambers' amendment. Thank you.