

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Engel, do you wish to speak to the Maurstad amendment to the Chambers amendment to LB 901?

SENATOR ENGEL: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I'd like to speak to both of them really. As far as the committee amendments, I agree with what they came up with as far as their fines. If we're going to increase the speed limit in the state of Nebraska, then I think the fines should be such that people, if they do exceed it, they're going to pay for it. And I don't think the 1 to 5 miles an hour, if we're going to go to 75 miles an hour on the interstates and 60 miles on the secondary roads, then I think we should enforce it right at that amount, that limit rather. So I'm all for the speed limit as proposed by the Transportation Committee. I also agree with Senator Chambers, if he's listening to me, I know he can talk to one person and hear out of the other side. But as far as Senator Chambers amendment, I do believe that the penalties should be the same on the secondary roads as they are on the interstate, because I, for one, believe it is more dangerous to drive fast on a secondary road than it is on the interstate. However, I do believe that the fines should be as they are, and for 21 miles per hour and over it... I have my staff checking, the state of Iowa used to be that if you drove 20 miles per hour over the limit they considered that a serious violation and you lost your license for a period of time for that. I don't know whether that's in effect right now, but they are checking that out. So if you're driving 21 miles an hour over, that's 96 miles per hour on the interstate, and if you're driving 96 miles per hour, I think you should have wings on your little car, I really do because that's just too fast to be driving on our interstate because they are not built for that. The Autobahns are, and I don't think the people are built for that either. So, I do agree with the penalty being the same on both, but I believe the penalty should be severe enough that people do not, that gives them incentive, Senator Chambers, not to exceed the speed limit. And also if Senator Kristensen is around, how about the points, the violation? Senator Kristensen, could I ask you a question, please?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR ENGEL: We're talking about...we're talking about the fines, how about the driver's...the points on our driver's