

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Coordsen, would you like to close? He waives closing. The question is the adoption of the Coordsen amendment to LB 901. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on the Coordsen amendment, have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Coordsen's amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Stuhr would move to amend. (See FA596 on page 1612 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. Actually my amendment is quite simple. On the E & R amendments, on page 7, I would like to insert, on line 26, that the maximum speed limit shall be seventy miles per hour on the interstate, beginning with York County, and then proceeding east, which would include the counties of York County, Seward, Cass, Sarpy, and Lancaster. The reason that I am moving for this amendment is because of the traffic volume. I've talked with some of the senators in western Nebraska and I can understand that they would like to retain it at seventy-five miles an hour. But beginning actually...the handout that I passed out, you will see how the traffic does increase east of the Grand Island area. And the Grand Island area is the 18,000, the daily traffic volume. Actually going on into Lincoln, the average daily traffic volume is about 69,000 vehicles, compared to west of Grand Island, 31,000. So speed is a factor and I think safety is certainly one of my concerns. Overwhelmingly my constituents in the district that I represent would have liked to see the speed limit actually remain at sixty-five. But because of the compromise, we are, of course, increasing it to seventy-five but would like to see it at seventy. I thought it was interesting, I did receive a letter from one of my constituents who read, in the March paper, that I had voted no on the bill and she was so thankful that I did. That evening she went out and walked her entire town and collected a couple pages of signatures of people that were not supporting the increase. So I would hope that you could consider this