

penalties, less fines, we found ways for people to practically speed. And that's what'll occur here. And it is a balance that we've got. We've had some change in the speed. We've had some change in the penalty. If you go down to seventy, I'm very sure that you'll probably see the penalties be lessened even more, so people can practically drive to that speed that they're doing out on the interstate right now, and that's about seventy-two miles an hour. And I, I know that Senator Stuhr brings this in, with good faith. It's certainly an issue that we voted on in committee. It's an issue that on General File we've had a good, long debate and we had a vote. But I think that the body needs to understand that the bill right now probably is in that state of balance, and that's what happens when you get up on the floor and you have what we'd call an auction for the penalty on General File, and it moves off General File. Any change now will result in another change. And practically, I think, the better policy is that set a speed, if there's a problem, let the Department of Roads lower it in those isolated spots. The penalties are not what I'd like them to be; I'd like them to be higher. But I know that if that speed goes down, which maybe I'd like, so will the penalties go down. So I think at this point in time we're better off not adopting this amendment, let's see what the speed limits do. And, quite frankly, Senator Schrock, I've had polls too, my . . . depending on which group I talk to, I can go find a group that doesn't want to increase the speed. I had a group of younger people in the other day that was about 90 percent to increase the speeds and 10 not to. And, quite frankly, they're the lion's share of my drivers at some points in time. With that I would hope that we not adopt the Stuhr amendment. I'd hope that we have felt that the body's reached at least an acceptable level of speed limits. As you go west on the interstate, into Wyoming and to the western states, the interstate speed has increased. I would hate to break it in the middle of the state of Nebraska, because when you cross that one particular line you're not going to really notice much of a difference. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Engel, followed by Dierks, Stuhr, Pedersen, Schrock, and Klein.

SENATOR ENGEL: Madam Chairman and members of the body, as you know, I brought up the amendment here last week to lower the speed on the interstate to seventy miles per hour. Like Senator Schrock said, if I had the decision to make we'd probably remain