

at sixty-five. And seventy didn't go, and that's where I'd like to have it. However, I do agree with Senator Stuhr, this is certainly a good compromise. Give you some quick reasons again, basically I'd be repeating what I said last week, but speed, we're going to have more accidents. It's not going to...we're going to lose economy as far as the vehicles are concerned. One other thing, and I discussed that the last week about older drivers with their reaction time. And also one other thing, we have to remember, we also have these sixteen-year-olds who can drive seventy-five and eighty miles an hour. The inexperience of...they don't have the experience to drive that fast, but legally they'll be able to on the interstates and I'm afraid that will increase the accident factor. Another thing, I also believe if the speed limit remains at seventy-five miles per hour, we are still going to have that fudge factor. At seventy-five, I don't believe you're going to be picked up at seventy-six. In talking to a few patrolmen, they don't believe that, as far as they're concerned, that they'll be able to give anything but a warning ticket up to, at five miles per hour over. So, in essence, I think what we're doing at seventy-five miles per hour, we're increasing the speed limit to eighty. And if we leave it at seventy, I think with the fudge factor it's still going to be faster than we like. So, with that, I would certainly support the Stuhr amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I, too, am going to support this amendment. I supported Senator Engel's amendment when he had it up here a little bit ago. I think it...I think everybody accepts the fact and acknowledges the fact that the increased speed is going to kill people, kill more people. It's proven, time and again, the figures are there, you increase the speed limit, more people die. I just think that we need to be realistic and provide a little...a leavening, I guess, to the bill. I think we need to, to look at those facts and the damage it does to our citizens and the amount of fuel, extra fuel we're going to use. And seventy miles an hour is fast enough for anybody, I think. So I will support this amendment and would urge you to support it also.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Stuhr.