

April 9, 1996

LB 901

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Withdraw.

SENATOR CROSBY: He's withdrawing. It is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further on 901.

SENATOR CROSBY: LB 1039.

CLERK: LB 1039, Senator Warner would move...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Did I not have an amendment filed on LB 901?

SENATOR CROSBY: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Withem would move to return LB 901 to Select File for a specific amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Withem, on your amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, this amendment is found in the Journal, as Senator Chambers so ably pointed out to me, on page 1814. This deals with the effective date of the speed limit changes. And this is one of those things that comes to mind to a senator who drives back and forth between Lincoln and Omaha is driving and noticing that a number of the drivers seem to think that we had already enacted LB 901 and that the speed limit is increasing. And I got to thinking that that's not that abnormal for citizens in our state who don't watch, don't understand what an E clause is, don't understand 90 days after adjournment, don't understand Select File and Final Reading and motions to return and all of those that they would assume that because we voted on this bill once that the new speed limit is already in effect. And I was thinking, and I was wondering when the speed limit actually does go into effect and looked at the bill and noticed that currently as LB 901 is written the speed limit on the interstate would not go into effect until the three months after we adjourn, which would be July 18, and then the speed limits on the other highways would not go into effect until sometime in September as I understand, September 1 which is, in fact, sometime in September. It's very near the first part of the month. And there's a rationale for holding up on the September 1