

deadline...implementation date because of the need to change a multitude of signs throughout the state. But on the interstate I think we can move more quickly with it and my assumption is that it's going to be a problem for the citizens of the state and a problem for law enforcement in the state if there is this delayed implementation date. The citizens just aren't going to understand what the implementation date means. They will assume when we adjourn that they'll be able to drive at the higher speed limits and it will be a problem for law enforcement as to whether they try to enforce it or whether they allow it to go into effect and how they will go about enforcing it. So I thought at the very least we need to have some discussion isolated in here as to what the effective date of the bill is. And if the Legislature decides that they want to leave the effective date for the interstate speed limit to be July 18, that's fine; but at least we will have known that that's what we are doing. Hopefully our ace reporting staff who we see in here taking copious notes right now will be able to report that to the citizens of the state and they will know, at least have an opportunity to know. It would be my preference, though, that this section of the bill go into effect June 1. I think that's reasonable time for the departments to get up to speed, get the signs changed, get everything that they need into place for this one ribbon of highway moving through our state. So with that, that's what this amendment would do. It would cause the speed limits on the interstate highway to become effective, become operative on June 1, 1996.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Discussion on the Withem amendment. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Senator Withem, I just want to make sure that we catch a number of things here that are going on with the operative date. It will be...your intent would be the interstate system, the expressway system, the doubling of the fines in the construction zones would also have a June 1 date...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...an operative date so what we've done is moved up those operative dates.

SPEAKER WITHEM: That would be correct.