

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And then the penalties in here also would be moved up at the same time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: That's the signals I'm getting, yes, is that also would be...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, and I think that's what it does...

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...and that's...you bet.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...but I want to make sure that everybody understands that we're not just moving the speed on the interstate up, that you're going to be doing expressways, all the penalties and the construction zones. And the construction zones is probably in and of itself important enough to move that operative date up because construction season really is beginning fairly soon. And if we're going to have this provision for the doubling of fines through construction zones for this year's season, you might as well get it started at the beginning of the season. We want to make sure that we do keep the September 1 time for the two-lane roads that we have put a 60 mile an hour speed except where you're going to have a study. We need a period of time to get that study done so people who are going to ask to move up that extra five miles an hour that we put in that they can do that, plus it's going to take us longer to do signs on the two-lane roads. Department of Roads probably can do the signage and have that done effectively by the first of June. And those were my major concerns, do we have enough time to do it. As a practical matter, the speeds on the interstates have increased when Congress announced that they were going to give the states the option to increase the speeds. The speeds went up at that announcement. We've seen the speeds practically rise on the interstate now, and I think you're seeing it on the two-lane roads. People need to be aware the speeds haven't changed. The law has not changed. People's driving habits have changed since this period of time. In terms of...I would support the Withem amendment at this point in time as long as we don't up the two-lane roads. That will cause us some headaches and some problems and I think we'll do less of a job. I don't have a problem of moving up the construction zone. In fact, that's probably pretty good policy so we can have that ready to go by June 1 and would be happy to answer any questions in terms of what I think the amendment does, but I would support