

counties in the state. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, there's one other provision in this bill that I think warrants your consideration for the emergency clause. It's apparent that the speed limits will change. It's now a matter of when that occurs. The provision that also is in there is one about doubling the fines in construction zones. And if the emergency clause goes into effect, that will be effective for this year's construction season. And although that did not receive a lot of attention by this Legislature, because of the nature of some of the other things, one of the most dangerous activities that are out there are certainly our construction workers. And other states have shown successfully that when there is the doubling of the fine and the posting of the signs and so on that for construction worker safety that it has had some impact in slowing people down through construction zones, particularly when they're traveling faster before they get there than before. And so for the needs of those particular workers and their safety, I think it's good policy to try to get in those penalty sections for construction zone workers for this construction season which would begin June 1st. And I hope that we would reconsider for their sake as well. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robinson, followed by Senators Engel and Chambers.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Kristensen, wouldn't you need the emergency clause to change the change you made in your amendment the other day for interstate highways to 70.... That's June 1st, too, isn't it?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Wouldn't you need the E clause for what?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Senator Robinson, that...what that does is that it would increase the speed, starting June 1st on the expressways and interstate system. That was Senator Withem's amendment at that point in time. And part of the reason I joined in that was because of the penalties in the