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construction zones.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, what was just brought before us from Senator Coordsen and Senator Kristensen, those are two very, very good points. I realize that the speed limit is going to be increased to 75 miles per hour. I don't like to concede that, but I will, and for these reasons as they just gave I think those are important enough to vote for the reconsideration. I would like to give you a two-thirds vote, but I can't, so I'll have to give you a full vote.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, as always, I'm concerned about not laying a trap for the unwary. I have heard some reports on the news, and you may have seen some written in the newspaper that you can actually drive at this rate of speed as of June 1st. So if we don't add the emergency clause the speed limit is going to go up, but people cannot drive that rate of speed until July 18th. But by our having discussed Senator Withem's amendment the other day, and it went out to the public that they'd be able to drive the new limit as of June 1st, pursuant to that amendment, we have in effect laid a trap for the unwary. If people begin to drive after that date, relying on what the media put out there, then they will have been misled, not directly by us, but by reports in the media, but they made their reports pursuant to the discussion on the floor of the Legislature. So for the reasons that have been given, and I'm glad to see Senator Engel be able, in such good humor, to go along with that which is really necessary under the circumstances, and I hope others will follow his good humor. And instead of with clinched jaws we will, with a song in our hearts and a smile on our face, vote to reconsider that vote and give at least 33 votes. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Chambers, tears come to my eyes when you talk about the media. I'm just overwhelmed with emotion. And, Senator Chambers, I