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the committee amendments. Mr. Clerk, an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I had is from Senator Hilgert. Senator Hilgert asked to pass that over. The next amendment I have, Senator Chambers, FA90. (See FA90 on page 1300 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I handed a copy of this amendment around. If you want to read it, you can, and see exactly what it does to the committee amendment as proposed. What I am suggesting by this amendment is that we ought not to adopt this section of the committee amendment. I'm really not interested in changing the fine structure on any roads. I say leave them where they are now. Prosecutors know what the fine system is, the courts know, and much work went into making the determination as to the level of fines on the interstate. When I offered that bill that raised the speed limit on the interstate, we talked about each one of these levels of fine. I didn't want the fines to be as high as they are right now, when we're dealing with the interstate. Other senators felt that the fines should be higher than what I had suggested. So we came up with the schedule that exists in the current law now. If anybody were to get a copy of the transcript of that debate, it would be clear that considerable discussion went into the determining of the fines that we have in place. But, I did discuss, and I think it's interesting to note, that fines on other streets and highways than the interstate are very low. For going 1 to 5 miles over the limit on any other street or highway it's \$10; this amendment would raise that to \$50. If you're 5 miles over the limit on the interstate, the fine is \$50. If you're up to 5 miles an hour over the limit in a city, it's \$10. If you're 6 to 10 miles over the limit, in the city, it's \$25, on the interstate it's four times that much, or \$100, yet the greater hazard is in the city and on these state roads. So where the hazard is greater the fine is lesser. If you're 11 to 15 miles over the limit, in the city or on the state road, it's \$75; it's double that amount on the interstate, which is not rational. Sixteen to 20 miles over the Inter...miles per hour over the limit, in the city, is \$125, \$200 on the interstate; 21 miles to 100 miles an hour over