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interstate, if people don't drive 75 miles an hour they're breaking the law. Now, if there's no one there to come along and enforce that, we have a problem. We really don't have any way to know that the citizens of the state of Nebraska understand the boat laws, so this is probably unique and different than a lot of the debates that we've had this year, because we're not talking about making changes to some of the existing safety standards in place. We're talking about essentially establishing them. I think they're reasonable. I don't think this is an undue burden. I think this is something that we can do. But from the standpoint of what we're asking the body to accept, most of these are not new laws. In fact, none of them are. They're corrections in existing law to ensure that future problems are resolved appropriately, and one of the specific areas that I'll point to is Section 26, where we have now in the State Boat Act, under this amendment, the opportunity and the encouragement, if you will, that our law enforcement agencies work together, period. If they don't, we have situations like we've seen in my legislative district this year where a breakdown has happened. We've had problems. This seeks to remedy that, not only for that situation but for future situations to set forth the policy.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: So I'm going to take a moment and wander over here and speak with the Speaker and continue to discuss this with him. If there are other questions, I'd be happy to yield. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Schrock, on the motion to return LB 305.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President and Mr. Speaker, Senator Bromm, your concerns are legitimate. The process is not what is desired. Senator Erdman asked to put the amendment on. I said that's up to him. I said I supported the bill so, from that standpoint, I will support the amendment. If you want to criticize the process, so be it. I would agree. The bill that you have in front of us has really been watered down compared to what Senator Erdman brought to us. The individual operating the