

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Marsh, I would think that a patrolman would have difficulty in establishing whether a child was two and a half or two, or three, or three and a half years old, and since you are concerned about the weight of the child, I think it would be much easier for the patrolman to determine the weight of the child rather than the age of the child. Now a parent is not going to have a birth certificate with them to prove that they have a child of a certain age, but a patrolman could use a scale if they wanted to go to that extent to very definitely prove whether the parent is abiding by the law or not. I was wondering if you would entertain the thought of going by weight instead of by age.

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, sir, I would.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, then...(interruption).

SPEAKER MARVEL: Could we have a little order in the room. It is hard to hear the discussion. Go ahead, Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I didn't...and Senator Marsh, I didn't want to fritz up your bill without visiting with you beforehand, but I am sorry I don't have an amendment, but if you wish to do so if the amendment should fail, I just throw that in as a suggestion to you.

SENATOR MARSH: I would be very amenable to an amendment to put it on a poundage rather than an age. Would the committee chairperson like to respond to that proposal? Senator Cullan?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh, Senator Nichol has the floor, I am sorry. Senator Nichol, are you...(interruption).

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, I yield. Is that what your question is? I would yield to Senator Marsh. Is that okay?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Senator Nichol. Senator Cullan, would you respond to the weight proposal?

SENATOR CULLAN: Members of the Legislature, I think that proposal is not a realistic one, and a patrolman can simply ask how old the child is. If he believes that