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PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion on the Chambers motion to return? Senator Chambers, you may close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I was asked a question by Senator Goll relative to that point I mentioned about setting a twenty mile per hour over the speed limit limit when an attempt is being made to overtake a person. The word overtake is defined as a set of circumstances where the individual driver is not aware that he or she is to be stopped. So in those circumstances where there is no active attempt by the driver to escape, the officer should not drive at breakneck speed. However, the bill says that if driving only twenty miles over the limit would unduly extend the amount of time needed to overtake this person, then that can be disregarded. The amendment is designed to offer a guideline for the purpose of showing that restraint and reasonableness ought to be used when these chases are to be undertaken. I am telling you frankly I would like to abolish them but I know that is not going to happen. Provisions like the one I am offering have been adopted, I think Buffalo, New York was the most recent one, just a few weeks ago, in densely populated areas as well as the freeway. So here in a nutshell is what would be the situation. An officer is still allowed to use judgment as to how fast to drive, but without a provision like this, there is no direction or guidance whatsoever to let the officer know what the policy of the state would be in these given situations. That is why the definitions distinguish between a high-speed pursuit, between an evader, a reckless evader and so forth so that it is possible to give the officer some idea of what the state is looking for him or her to do and beyond which the state is now telling him or her to go. So if you do have questions, you probably are looking at something that might be a question to somebody else. I hope you will adopt this amendment. Then if you want to refine it by trying to eliminate certain things that you don't think are acceptable, your attempt to address any of those specific parts will give me the opportunity to answer any questions that you may have. I don't think any portion of the amendment is unreasonable. There will still be an allowance for high-speed chases unfortunately. There is no penalty provision in the law itself should an officer violate this law and its provisions. However, as with every law, when a person does not do what his or her duty is based on the law, a cause of action on the general statutes is created for that citizen. So I am hoping that you will take this amendment seriously and that you will adopt it. To simply try to deal with this situation by increased penalties is not going to work because that has never worked. If you take the car away from these young people, and let's forget the legal problems that you have with that, they will

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