

colleagues that the noise level was entirely too high and that you were entitled to be heard. Discussion on the bill, Senator Labeledz followed by Senator Beck.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of LB 958 and I would like to relate to you an incident that happened to me about a week ago tomorrow. About a block from my home, I was riding in the back seat of a car, and all of a sudden I saw a small child about two years old rolling across on my side of the car against the curb, and I screamed, naturally, thinking that my driver had hit the child. We were following a car, possibly two car lengths behind the car, going around the curve, and I jumped out of the car to go to the neighbor to call 911 because of the fact that the child, I could see, was bleeding and was not even moving. As I jumped out of the car, the mother also jumped out and said the child was sitting in the back seat of the car, was two years old, and as she turned around the curve, the door flew open and the child fell out, and it is very lucky that our car wasn't that close behind, other than the two lengths, because we could have run over the child. It was an experience that I had trouble sleeping that night and several nights since then, and I am so grateful that LB 958 is on a priority status because I think it is a very important bill, especially when you are involved in something like I was the other day. I not only think of my grandchildren, but I think of every little child across the state. My only regret is that the age is at five. It should be at least eight or ten because that child was two-years old and I did inquire of the parents the next day as to how the child was doing. It had several stitches on the face and badly, badly bruised, but the child was fortunate and the family was grateful that it wasn't any worse than that. But it is so sad to see a little child rolling across the street hitting a curb when you are right behind the car, and then see what the results of that accident. So I urge the members of the Legislature to vote for LB 958, and as I said, I am sorry it isn't a higher age. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. That won't be necessary. For closing on the advancement of the bill, Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and colleagues.