

don't really know what would make a person a rural letter carrier. But that having been said, because I have an amendment attempting to deal with that, I will support Senator Lamb's amendment because, frankly, I don't like this bill and these types of bills. I opposed the motorcycle helmet law and I will oppose this bill. And the only reason certain members are voting for this is because there was a threat that federal money would be withheld which shows that safety is not the consideration. It's like that old joke, we already know what you are, we're just quibbling about the price. So when the federal government makes the price high enough, then all these other principles go out the window and the deed is done, but we call it by a different name when we're the ones who do it. And, by the way, males can be in this category as much as females and as more and more of them become unemployed, I'm understanding that more and more of the are going into that line of work. But on Senator Lamb's proposal, it is as reasonable as anything in this bill. Just because somebody is dropping off letters should not be a basis for exempting that person from these restraints if we're concerned about safety. Make everybody in any vehicle driven by a motor wear one of these restraints because people have accidents that hurt them not only when they collide with another vehicle. They will collide with a stationary object and there are stationary objects on a rural letter carrier's route. There are stationary objects which can be run into by somebody operating an implement of husbandry, whatever that is. So if safety is the goal, there should be no exceptions. But the reason there are exceptions is because political decisions, political accommodations have to be made. So since we're not dealing with a safety bill but rather one to avoid running into a prohibition by the federal government, the prohibition being that you shall not get this money unless you do such and such, then we can accommodate Senator Lamb. And here's something else that Senator Lamb said that makes me really support his bill. He said if he doesn't buckle up, he is violation of the law...

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and they might get him. Senator Lamb, I like that prospect but before they get you, you have to commit some other offense first and being the law abiding person you are, that will never happen. But knowing the way some police officers are and the way the law is drafted, they only have to