

the city and travel to the farm. And, with this amendment, I don't know, we might have to have farmers who live within a quarter of a mile or farmers who are on their way to the farm have one of your hand-held signs that you show us every once in a while that says, farm. And, as you mentioned the other day to Senator Lynch, I'm waiting, I knew I was going to get it, as you mentioned to Senator Lynch your intention to file this amendment, you remember what he said and this is what...and this is what a number of other people are going to say. Senator Lynch said well, we've exempted everything else for farmers, I don't know why we shouldn't include seat belts. But I oppose this amendment. I can't really believe that you're serious with it. And all of us who are, indeed, in love with farmers would like to be sure to see them use their seat belts. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Wehrbein is next, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members, I...this is a tough call. I strongly support Senator Lamb. I understand perhaps the futility but there is also a tremendous sense of frustration putting on the seat belts and I wish there was a way to define the use of a farm-plated licensed truck or pickup in a short haul versus a long haul. I am a strong believer in seat belts and I will support the bill. But I had thought about this often since this bill was introduced because I, like I'm sure most people, farmers, are in and out of a pickup and I know you'll think it's exaggeration, but 50 to 100 times a day. It's...it's an extension of tractors in many, many cases. And I agree with Senator Lamb, whether the rest of you believe it or not, chances are you're not going to have that belt on even once. I might put mine on when I go to town but, as a general rule, around the farm and around the section and around the...around the area that you farm you're in and out and in and out and in and out so it's totally impractical to do. And I have thought, myself, about what I'm going to do. I'm not going to wear the seat belt even though I would never go anywhere in my car without it. I understand rural accidents are up and it's really a catch 22 for us. And I endorse this amendment even though I realize that it looks like we're serving or asking for an exemption for a particular class. I have the same sympathy and empathy for construction. As I watch those on the interstate, how impractical it's going to be as these pickups zoom up and down the interstate on construction. I observe one on North 27th right now. Those people move a pickup a hundred