

couldn't resist. I couldn't resist. I learn as I listen to things that happen around here. But, in all seriousness, it would apply to a cab driver if a person in the front seat were not wearing this restraint system.

SENATOR HORGAN: That is correct, Senator. And in committee we had safety...or we had commercial cab companies come in and support the legislation if it only dealt with the front seat passengers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, so then you're not concerned about the people in the back seat being safe also?

SENATOR HORGAN: No, that's not true, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, why then did you say no longer...because the way you originally drafted the bill, Senator Horgan, and I have to believe you were sincere, "except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, no driver shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or street in the state unless each occupant in the vehicle", that's the way you drafted it because after your research and what Mr. Zwonechek and all these other safety people told you, everybody should wear one of these restraints. So you drafted the bill in accord with the best information you had to ensure the safety of people in these vehicles. Then you had some...some commercial cab drivers, no, not the drivers, the ones who run the companies come in. Am I right so far?

SENATOR HORGAN: So far.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they told you that they would be opposed to this bill unless you said the ones in the back seat don't have to wear these restraints. Is that correct so far?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, partially. They...they came in and they didn't...they said that they preferred that it not include the backseat passengers because it was difficult for them to require their passengers to do that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now...

SENATOR HORGAN: ...but that they supported the seat belt law and would support it either way but their preference was that it be front seat passengers.