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not responsible for that, Senator Horgan. I'm not responsible in any way, shape or form. So to try to compare a situation where you might throw some trash out the window and say that the driver is responsible is something that I would like to ask you a question about. Why do you say that's the case and what law do you see that makes it the driver's responsibility if something is thrown out of the car and other people are in it?

SENATOR HORGAN: I don't understand the question, Senator. Do you want me to state the statutes or the law?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, you don't have to give me a number but tell me what law you...have you read that in the law?

SENATOR HORGAN: No, I received that information from making calls to the highway department and the police department in the City of Lincoln.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you ever talked to a lawyer to see if that's the case? It's one thing for a person to be ticketed for something and another thing for them to be convicted of that thing.

SENATOR HORGAN: Have I talked to a lawyer about that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh, to see if that's true, if that's what the state of the law is.

SENATOR HORGAN: Not specifically, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so I'll pass over that. Would you be in favor of an amendment that would make the driver responsible if persons in the back seat also are not belted in, since you say you're interested in safety?

SENATOR HORGAN: I would, personally, but I think it would take too many votes away from the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So your principles are qualified by that consideration?

SENATOR HORGAN: Senator, like any piece of legislation, you have to...I think there are compromises that are made and I'm willing to compromise some of my preferences in order to accomplish a greater good.