

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Forgan,...

SENATOR HORGAN: ...accomplishes something that you're interested in.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In the whole time I've been in this Legislature I have never compromised a principle. I have had district election bills where people would tell me if I would nominate by district and elect at large, the bill would fly through and I wouldn't do that. And, as a result, it took me years to get these bills passed because it was a matter of principle with me. If all I wanted was a bill passed with my name on it, then certainly I would do...

SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...what you're suggesting.

SENATOR CONWAY: You're the next light, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I won't ask him questions at this point because there are some things that I want to just say that I can't get said quickly enough by asking the questions. This goes back to the type of thing that was being done yesterday when the state is going to make one person responsible for another, give the police another excuse to make what might be called a law enforcement contact with a citizen. It offers all types of opportunity for harassment and the bad thing is that the one harassed does not even have to be the one engaging in the conduct. You have to remember what this amendment does. Even though I don't like this bill, all this amendment does is say that the driver is responsible for himself or herself alone, that if somebody else in the front seat is not wearing one of these restraints, it is not the fault of the driver and the driver is not going to be punished. We always are talking about don't punish the innocent. This is one where you write a bill whose aim is to punish the innocent and that does not bother Senator Horgan's principles, he says, but I know he doesn't mean that, because if he had two children and one committed a violation of whatever his rules are, he wouldn't punish the one who had not done it and let the one who did it go scott-free. What does that teach? We spend so much time on other matters talking about these types of principles but when we start enacting legislation, laws that are going to impact on the citizens of this state, all of that goes out the window.