

so concerned about safety, will be in the same boat or the same vehicle, if you will, as the rest of us. They will have to wear these restraints too. When you look at that chart that Senator Horgan or whoever passed it around to us about the deaths in rural areas, rural letter carriers are more at risk than city letter carriers. So if you're trying to protect the ones who are most at risk, why are you going to exempt the rural letter carriers who face a greater hazard than any other ones? So what this amendment does, in line 4 after "reasons", it adds the word "and". It strikes the provision relative to the rural letter carrier so they are not exempted, and they've got to buckle up too. And I believe this is a rational, a good amendment. But I would like to ask Senator Horgan a question, if he's willing to answer. Senator Horgan.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Horgan, would you respond, please.

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have I made it clear to you what the amendment is and what it does?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, you have, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think it would contribute to safety if it's adopted?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you favor this amendment?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, I think we need to have a discussion about it. I'm not adamantly opposed to it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is safety your dominant consideration in offering this bill?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If you've agreed that this amendment advances safety, why do you hesitate about supporting it?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, because, Senator, all the states that have safety belt laws exempt their rural carriers and it's my understanding that the reason they do that is because in the