

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, I'm not going to ask you a question but here is something I would like you to consider. Right now there are problems with many, many youngsters, I don't know if it's exactly in your district, but somewhere out there who drive up and down Dodge Street and the police want to stop them. It would be the easiest thing in the world to say I thought that kid had beer in the car, but I found out he didn't but I really suspected it. So he gets a ticket for not having a seat belt on and I bet a lot of them are not going to be wearing seat belts. But even that class of individuals should not be harassed through a bill like this. This law should not be for the purpose of harassment. If the amendment that was adopted the other day is really designed to make this bill kick in only if there is an underlying offense and this is a secondary matter, then make sure there is an offense, and Senator Lamb's amendment will ensure that. It in no way weakens the bill. It does not say a person does not have to wear a seat belt. It does not say that the innocent shall not be punished for the guilty. God forbid there should be such a statement by this Legislature. All it says is that let's have truthfulness in what has been projected in this bill. So having said that, I would now like to ask Senator Horgan a question.

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

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Horgan, is it your intent that a person be cited for an infraction under this law only if there is some other underlying offense that the person is stopped for?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, Senator, it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you agree that Senator Lamb's amendment would accomplish that purpose?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, Senator, I've only had a couple of minutes to look at it, but in looking at it I don't believe I have a problem with it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, and I really don't either and that having been said, I want it clear that I support Senator Lamb's