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SENATOR CHAMBERS: The first one that relates to requiring all occupants to wear the restraint.

SPEAKER BAACK: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members, the only thing that we're talking about now, or that I'm talking about is the requirement that everybody in the vehicle wear the restraints. Senator Horgan would be delighted if we would rescue him from that which he did in his strong-headedness of youth and we can do that for our colleague by taking some of the sham out of this bill and making it what all of you who support it say you intend it to be. Now you all have not made the deal that Senator Horgan cut with these nefarious individuals who are not concerned about the safety of everybody else, but are more interested in the almighty dollar, Senator Hefner. If we are interested in safety and if these restraints, in fact, provide safety, if, as Senator Horgan has pointed out an air bag if you have one in the car may help the people in the front seat. If you have two of them and there is a head-on collision, but it's not going to help those in the back seat, why are we not concerned about the safety of those in the back seat? Are we bound by what some people who run a cab company said would be inconvenient for them? If it's safety we're concerned about, we should do what I am suggesting. If it's not safety, we should just say so. This amendment I hope you will adopt and the portion about each person not wearing a restraint being guilty of an infraction is not before us right now.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion on this portion of the amendment, Senator Hall. No. Senator Lynch. Senator Schmit. Senator Horgan. Senator Landis. Senator Schmit. Seeing no other lights on, Senator Chambers, do you wish to close on this portion of your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now vote on this portion of the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the Chambers amendment that has been divided. We're voting on the first portion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We ought to just say "coth" now, c-o-t-h, call of the house, if you please.