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CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have to the bill is by Senator Horgan. Senator, AM3787. (Horgan amendment appears on page 2125 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, this is, believe it or not, a technical, clean-up amendment which does a couple of things. One, it strikes the word "and" and reinstates the stricken matter on page 36, line 8. What that does, it reinstates the term "buses" on page 36, line 8 in order to clarify that school buses are exempt from the safety belt bill except for the driver in the front seat. As they were in 1986 and were intended to be exempt throughout the debate of this bill, but there has been some questions about school buses being required and it simply clears that up that school buses are not required to be equipped with something that they're not. The bill itself requires only vehicles that come equipped with safety belts to be used and the school buses do not have the safety belts equipped and so, therefore, except for the driver who is in the front seat, he is required. The second part strikes the term "violating" on page 1, line 15, of the standing committee amendments and inserts "not wearing an occupant protection system pursuant to". This was done because the passengers in the vehicle are not the violators, only the driver can be fined in a violation of the safety belt law and this clarifies that that is indeed what the law is intended to do and I would encourage you to advance the amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Horgan. On the amendment, Senator Hall, on the amendment.

SENATOR HALL: No.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Landis. Senator Schimek. Senator Schmit. Seeing no lights, Senator Horgan, do you wish to close on your amendment? Waives closing. We will now vote on the amendment offered by Senator Horgan. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? A roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote. See page 2125 of the Legislative Journal.) 24 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

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