

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I oppose the reconsideration. We voted on it, it didn't go. We've spent a lot of time. Could you please be quiet just for a minute so I could speak. We spent a lot of time on all these amendments. They were all voted on. If you weren't here, well, I don't know what I can do about that, but there were several things said this evening, a couple that really bothered me and one in particular about the fact that farmers who drive grain trucks within 150 miles of their home are exempted from taking the CDL test. Am I correct on that, Senator Horgan? Someone said that. Senator Lamb. A young farm person who was driving a grain truck, who I suppose didn't have to have that CDL and didn't know...have to know how to drive the truck, was a young person who out here on 10th Street bridge killed a young woman who went over here to St. Mary's to school. So that sort of takes the idea away for me that anybody should be exempted from not knowing how to drive those trucks, just to start with. Now a little while ago you voted against an amendment that Senator Horgan put in on school bus seat belts. School buses are not equipped with seat belts. Are you going to go back to the school districts and tell them they have to equip them all? They have to buy all new buses, or something, it's going to cost a lot of money. Some of the things you have done and said this evening are irresponsible and as far as Senator Chambers bringing these amendments, he has reasons for doing that. I voted against them because I want the bill the way it is, but for right now I've lost my sense of humor about it. I don't think any of these things are funny. Having...and people wearing seat belts in cars is serious and whether you believe in that or not, it is a serious business. The jokes can go away. We put babies in seat belts, in little seats when they take them home from the hospital, so why are we adults so dumb and so stupid and so stubborn that we can't put on a seat belt? Nobody gets in my car and drives with me unless they have their seat belt on, front seat, back seat, wherever, we wear our seat belts. I'm going to support the bill. I'm going to vote against this reconsideration motion and I think you ought to start being serious and stop the fun and games. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, that's a hard act to follow. I think, if you go back and check my record, I've been pretty supportive of the rural issues all the way through except when it comes to this particular issue. We have an urban-rural