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reconsider the vote on the Horgan amendment and I'd give my time to Senator Horgan.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Horgan.

**SENATOR HORGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I appreciate Senator Ashford's willingness to reconsider the motion which was the technical cleanup language and I think the controversial part of that technical language is the school buses are exempt and, indeed, we're putting back in that language, it says that they are exempt. When I drafted the bill I thought we could exempt the school buses because they're not...they don't come manufactured with them and, therefore, there would be no need to do it because the bill only dealt with vehicles as equipped so we took it out when I drafted it. Several school districts called and said they were concerned that what would happen would be that people would say you took them out so they'd have to put them in. We would be the only state in the country that would require school buses to do it. This is technical in nature. They're not going to have to do it if this doesn't pass but I think in order to placate some school districts that may be concerned about it we allowed this amendment to go forward and we did not have a call of the house the last time and not everyone was on the floor and able to vote and I would recommend that we have a reconsideration motion. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Schimek, on the motion to reconsider. Senator Ashford.

**SENATOR ASHFORD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very briefly, if I might ask Senator Horgan because I'm...I'm not sure even now I understand this. If...the way the bill is...

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Ashford, please speak into your microphone so we can get it on the recording, thank you.

**SENATOR ASHFORD:** I'm sorry, excuse me. If the way the bill is written now, the school buses are...with your amendment the school buses would be exempt from the bill entirely. Is that correct?

**SENATOR HORGAN:** No, the driver in the front seat who has a seat belt is required to wear a seat belt.