

SENATOR COORDSEN: It would indicate to me, based upon the language of the bill, that that is what it means.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So my car could be totally wrecked, but I don't give up ownership of it, and if I don't continue to carry all of this liability insurance, I'm guilty of a crime. Isn't that true?

SENATOR COORDSEN: I would...that would be my reading of this section of the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I see other problems with the bill, but, as I've said before, too many times I will work on a bad bill and make it passable. I'm not going to do it this time, but I want to let you know there are things of substance in this bill which are bad and I think the members are not going to read the bill. It's a long bill. There are technical provisions and I don't blame you and I really don't expect you to. And I'm not going to offer an amendment on that, but think about it.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the committee amendments. The committee amendments found an inadvertent change, I think, in the green copy of the bill which would have done away with the household exclusion exemption that we created last year in the Banking Committee as the product of a negotiated solution between the trial lawyers and the insurance industry. We took off the household exclusion and it got worked back into the green copy of the bill. The committee amendments put the language back where it should be. The committee amendments put the household exclusion exemption, if you will, back into the law where it should be and was as the end result of last year's legislation, and, for that reason, the committee caught what I think is an inadvertent change that LE 37 would have meant and I thought the vigilance of the committee was...I'm grateful for it because it keeps a piece of policy that we made a year ago that all parties agreed to and that I wouldn't like to have seen repealed because of a bill drafting error. And, for that reason, I support the committee amendments and salute the vigilance of the Transportation Committee staff.