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vote in favor of carrying concealed weapons, or to vote in favor of this seat belt law, which would make violation of it a primary offense. That's when my white colleagues want to hold before me a sudden interest in the welfare of black people. But when it comes to housing,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...bank loans, education, the criminal justice system as a whole, "silent night". None is present. Well, this bill is going to have as rough a sledding as I can give it.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Byars, you're recognized to respond.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Speaker Kristensen, and my most eloquent colleague, Senator Chambers, certainly believes very strongly in his reasoning for asking that you definitely...indefinitely postpone this...this piece of legislation, and I hope that just as passionately I will attempt to convince you that you should not indefinitely postpone this piece of legislation. And I would like to address several issues that I have discussed briefly with Senator Chambers. This information only became available to me this morning, so we have not had the opportunity to sit down and talk about it in depth. But I'd like to bring, from the same study, from the same document that I shared with him that he...that he outlined for you, I'd like to share some information that...that we'll try to make available to you as quickly as we possibly can also. In the information that I shared and that he alluded to, it is pointed out that the risk of black children ages five to twelve dying in a crash per mile of travel is almost three times as great as that of white children. After other states have passed this type of legislation, I'm thinking of Louisiana in particular because they did a study relative to this issue, after they passed a law making seat belts a standard or primary offense rather than secondary, similar percentages of whites and blacks reported getting tickets for not using their belts, 8 percent overall. And since 1995, five states plus the District of Columbia, which is the latest information that I have relative to this study, black lawmakers played very leading