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you're stopped for any other reason and not wearing your seat belt, then...Senator Bromm, is that correct, that you can be ticketed if you are stopped for something else and you're not wearing your seat belt, then they can ticket you for that? Is that the way our law is right now? Senator Bromm, I am asking Senator Bromm a question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bromm, would you respond.

SENATOR BROMM: You're asking if that's the case right now, Senator Crosby? Yes...

SENATOR CROSBY: Right, do I understand the law correctly then the way it is now?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes, you do. That's correct.

SENATOR CROSBY: And so a primary offense, what does that change? I'm a little confused about...

SENATOR BROMM: The...sure.

SENATOR CROSBY: Go ahead.

SENATOR BROMM: By making this a primary offense, you would not have to run a red light or make an illegal turn in order to be ticketed for seat belt. If you're observed not wearing a seat belt, you could be stopped and you'd be subject to a 25 dollar fine for not wearing your seat belt and you'd lose one point on your...

SENATOR CROSBY: And how do they do this?

SENATOR BROMM: ...operator's license.

SENATOR CROSBY: I guess, Senator Byars, the next time you speak maybe you could talk, thank you, Senator Bromm, maybe you could talk about how this is enforced if it's in place in other states. I would...I have the same feeling that perhaps Jerry Schmitt and Senator Chambers that it is like a lot of other things. When I ran my cell phone bill, a lot of people thought we were taking away a right from them to drive along and talk,