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sense. This bill is going backwards. But if they adopt this, this bill is going to cloture, and before you all vote cloture just to get off it, understand you are going to go to cloture on Select File and on Final Reading also. Now Senator Bromm had a relatively innocent little green bill here, little green bill with 17 pages. Then he was prevailed on by others to clutter it, and if he wants to load down his bill, that's for him to decide, but I'm not going to watch work that took years to be done undermined in this fashion on a whim, and it's not even logical. We're going to have the greatest punishment where the risk is least, and the least punishment where the risk is the greatest. A tremendous number of accidents happen within five miles of a person's home.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's where the fines ought to be greatest. If you are caught speeding within five miles of your house, it ought to be \$1,000 and they tell you we're saving your life, that's where most of the accidents happen. Senator Bromm would say, well, there's no point in Wahoo that's not five miles from everywhere else, so we don't want to do that, but in the city, fine, on the interstate, fine, but in my area where the people I represent are concerned, no. Jones wouldn't care. He's got 15,000 square miles in his district and 100 million acre feet of water that are not even allowed to vote. I don't know how many ducks, cranes and swans he might have out there, but we need to spend a lot of time on this, and I'm going to take all that time. And it is up to Senator Bromm to decide if he wants this bill cluttered. This is not an original part of his bill. This is not what he offered to that committee.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I want to weigh in on this just a little bit. Some of the points that Senator Chambers brought up I believe were extremely valid. How many of you who have ever driven on the interstate have had to pass a tractor or a farm implement, and it's because they are not allowed on the interstate, but yet they are allowed on our state highways? How many of you have ever had to stop for a train on an interstate? You haven't, but you sometimes have to