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SENATOR BYARS: The penalty, if it remains, will be a \$25 fine and one point assessed against your driver's license.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what is being stricken here deals with the one point that would be assessed. Do you agree?

SENATOR BYARS: I agree.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I don't want anybody to think that I'm pulling a fast shuffle in terms of what the amendment would do. Right now a seat belt violation can be used against you if you are cited for some other offense. There will be no point assessment against your license. Do you know how the law got to be what it is now? The Legislature had put a mandatory seat belt law into the statutes. The public, whom you all say that you listen to and respect, got a petition together and had it put on the ballot and the people voted it out. The public voted it out. Then this Legislature, which pretends to care so much about the public, put something else back in. But, in order to get anything through the Legislature, which was turning its back on the public, it was agreed, and I did a lot of the amending that brought us to that point, that it would be a secondary violation, there would be no points assessed against a person's license. Now, what Senator Byars wants to do is to assess a point. He said that the bulk of the letters he got against this bill would have been written by people concerned about the loss of their...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...freedom or their rights. Perception is reality in some regards. Is that not a cogent reason for not doing what Senator Byars is trying to do? This amendment would return us to the law as it stands now where no points would be assessed against a person's license.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, your light was on next. You had pushed the...did you want to waive that or...?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does it...is there another light on anywhere?