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to stick your foot in the water and see how people reacted to it, I'd probably be cold water to this. I'm not comfortable at all with this, and I think, if you start to license these without a little better plan, you're going to have a lot of troubles. And I do think they'd become safety hazards. Senator Jensen is right, in a controlled area, I think, they are...they could really be a very useful tool. But right now that controlled area isn't very well defined with our other rules of the road. So I...I would oppose the Thompson amendment. And I think that this bill has got enough other public policy issues that we ought to stick to that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Wickersham, on the Thompson amendment to LB 1018. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I would yield my time to Senator Thompson.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, you have almost five minutes.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I want to make a few statements, and then I'm going to pull the amendment. But I certainly didn't anticipate this level of concern. We did have information on this at a...in an interim study this summer. We also had no opposition to the bill in committee. And I just want to clarify a few things because I'll be back next year, I'm sure someone will be back with the same bill. But these vehicles weigh at least 750 pounds, they have the same suspension as a Chevy Cavalier. They cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000, they're not a vehicle that hasn't had some thought put into it. They were developed by the federal government for this purpose under a grant program. They are under the federal guidelines for low speed vehicles that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has developed. So I think with more education and more time to discuss this we should be able to do something. The alternative is that the person who brought this to me believes...had several people in...tell him, that was one county attorney and one city attorney, that it could be licensed, and the alternative he has is to drive it, get arrested and go to court, because there is