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kind of equate this to the 16-year-old kid, when I was in high school, who wanted to run straight pipes on his car and go down the street and let the engine back off, and make lots of noise. And I have a son on my farm that likes noisy machinery, so I can relate to that a little bit too. So Senator Hudkins has a good amendment. I hope you'll support it. Just a little explanation of why the process is the way it is. This seems to be the only vehicle. It has been on Final Reading for a long time. In an ideal world, we would have amended this on General File or Select File. But LB 305 did advance fast, and so that's the reason she has offered this amendment and this proposal to return the bill to Select File.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Mines, on the motion.

SENATOR MINES: Mr. President, colleagues, I would ask Senator Hudkins to yield, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hudkins, would you respond?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Yes.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Senator. I...as I mentioned just earlier, this is a friendly question. However, I recall in local government, we had a similar problem with kids, loud stereos in their cars. And there were complaints throughout the community about dealing with those. And we passed, locally, a very similar...it was an ordinance very similar to this, in that we measured the noise level in decibels, and the distance from that. But I also recall, the enforcement was very difficult. In other words, law enforcement personnel have to be, obviously, within 100 feet of the infraction. They have to have the correct instrumentation. And I'm curious how you envision the law enforcement being able to in fact uphold the...this particular amendment.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Senator Mines. Yes, there will be...obviously, there's going to have to be complaints first. And by the way, Senator Pederson (phonetic) asked me to increase my decibel level; he could not hear me. So I will talk just a