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don't know how you're going to address that. And I don't want to muddy up the waters, but I think it's a matter of fact that if what you're saying...they're either going to have to adopt a new system in order to hold their parades, or they're not going to be able to let anybody in them, because I know as a matter of fact they don't have any permit system. You want to respond?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you. Yes, I would. I don't think you're following what I'm talking about when I say a permit. And for instance, in Grand Island, if...the Harvest of Harmony has to go to the Grand Island Police Department and say, we want to hold our parade; we want a permit. Now, each person in that parade doesn't have to have a permit. It's just the organizing faction of whoever wants to have the parade has to have a permit. I mean, you have to have city police officers stopping traffic. It's a safety issue. So everybody, no matter what the town is, is going to have to go through that same process and have a permit.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I'm sorry I have to differ with you, because a lot of small towns don't issue any permits. They don't have any traffic problems. There's only 200 people live in town, and they have a small event, and they have a parade. I've been to dozens and dozens of them. And you don't have to ask anybody. And I understand what you're saying, the people don't have to apply for a permit, but there's no permit issued even to hold the parade; they just hold it. And I guess what I'm saying is, if that's going to be a part of the law, then these people are going to have to be warned that they're going to have to issue permits in order to have a legal parade. And like I said, I'm not trying to muddy the thing up. I just know that small towns, because of the volume of people that are there, don't issue any kinds of permits. They just hold a parade. And I go to parades in towns like Auburn, like what you're talking about, and the police are in charge of it. In the little towns...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.