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extremely popular, I would say, all across the state, rural or urban. And I would hope that that would be exempt, realizing there's a risk. And it's not like riding in the back of a pickup, but under what Senator Chambers was saying, I would say a hay rack at a hay rack ride would fall under the definition of a vehicle. So I'd like to have you consider that when you message this.

SENATOR AGUILAR: We'd be happy to. And if we do get the opportunity to move this to Select File, I would invite any senator that wants to take part in that conversation to do so.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, if there were a bill, and a minor problem existed with it, I would agree to let it go to Select File, and we could try to do something about it. If there were a very complex bill, and several parties deeply interested, and they had agreed to meet and work out their differences between General and Select File, I would not object to that. My objection would come if we got to Select File and they didn't work anything out. But when there is a bill that...this is my opinion, now, I'm expressing. I don't mean it pejoratively toward Senator Aguilar or anybody else; I'm talking about my standards. Nobody has to accept them, nobody has to agree, and the vote can be made to send it on to Select File. But when you have a bill--allow me to use an example to try to make my point--a bill that has ten components, and people cannot agree on what any of the components actually means, that is not a bill in shape for any self-respecting senator to vote in favor of. Senator Wehrbein, because of living in the rural area, thought of some vehicles. It didn't occur to me to think of the hay ride. But all those things would be vehicles. You could, I'm saying again, Senator Aguilar, have a situation where a child--not that an officer would do it, necessarily--but a child could be ticketed for allowing another child to ride on his or her vehicle, on a portion of it that was not designed for a passenger. And if the example can be laughed at, for whatever reason, but that can occur under the law, what should be laughed at is the law, rather than my example. My example simply points