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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...suddenly their lives are not as valuable, and the restrictions in this bill will not apply. I'm saying we should make all of these children safe. Maybe talking about the last issue will give you a bit of insight on why I am so concerned about what happens to children. I can see the devastation when children are treated in a way that's not proper. When we as a Legislature will legalize unsafe conduct, that is not wise. Currently, there is no statute that affirmatively tells people who are running businesses, you can put these children at risk and you're not violating the law because the law specifically protects you. There's nothing like that in the law now. If they do it, they do it and assume the risk. But what Senator Aguilar's bill would do is to bring a whole new concept into the law, that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...young people can be exploited and not violate the law...the exploiter, that is. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar and Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, Judiciary Committee reports LB 877 to General File; LB 882, General File with amendments. Transportation reports LB 860, LB 861, LB 867 to General File. General Affairs reports LB 914 to General File with amendments, LR 209CA to General File with amendments. Confirmation reports from the General Affairs Committee. And amendments to be printed: Senator Chambers, to LB 172; Senator Beutler, to LB 155; Senator Preister, LB 301; Senator Jones, to LB 279. And a communication, Mr. President, with respect to a proposed gift of land to the Game and Parks Commission. That has been referred to the Reference Committee for referral to standing committee for hearing. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 501-504.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. As the agenda states, 11:00, we will move on to General File. And it is a few minutes past 11:00. We're now on General File. Mr. Clerk.