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that can be crafted that would satisfy your concerns and...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yeah, I'd just say strike the exemptions and let's make it unlawful to have children who are not restrained in these open pickups and in these trucks in the cargo area. That would satisfy me. But that's all I will ask you. Thank you, Senator Foley. I do believe that there are senators struggling with this bill, but I'm not going to acknowledge it. I'm going to put you all in the same category. You vote against everything offered. You don't want to lower the rate of speed of this vehicle. You don't want to raise the rate of speed. I don't know if I didn't raise it high enough, so I'm going to use this reconsideration motion to explain again that I have additional amendments to offer to continue ratcheting up the rate of speed. That might be what your concern is, and if it is, that doesn't mean that I'm going to support the bill. It will mean that I can put a better handle on your foolishness, your unreasonableness, your lack of concern for these children. Do you all recall that you gave 37 votes to send a bill across the floor that deprived young women of information that they should have? So you showed you don't care about young women, and I explained why you have a built-in bias or prejudice against young women. Old ones too, but we were dealing with young ones the other day. So you followed the attitude of this society when you gave that vote. Now we're talking about children which includes males among them. Perhaps their presence will stir your pure minds. Yeah, a mind can be pure even though it's dull and clouded. That's what I'm dealing with this morning. Something has clouded you-all's minds so that in order to do a favor to Senator Aguilar, you're going to sacrifice the safety of children. I'm going to save you from yourselves. I'm going to save the Legislature from looking monstrous. This would be an act of enormity, and when you use the word "enormity," you're not talking about size physically; you're talking about a moral, ethical issue. It's far beyond the pale. So my intent this morning, and I am well-rested, is to keep us on this bill until we adjourn, until the cows come home, until Hades freezes over, until the snow melts, whichever comes first and gets us out of here. But if you want to stay until the one that comes last, perfectly all right with me. I will ride this vehicle, meaning the bill, to achieve my purposes