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SENATOR QUANDAHL: Yes.

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Quandahl, what we just adopted as your amendment exempts everyone who has a person in the back of a pickup if they're going less than 25 miles per hour. Is that not correct?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: I believe that would be the effect, yes.

SENATOR BAKER: Okay. And then what...thank you. What we've done...and we...this was LB 293, which made it out of the committee two years...or I guess three years ago, came out on the floor. We adopted the exception for what I called, at that time, it seemed like, was detassellers exception, for agricultural employees. I know there were several senators on the floor that were concerned about people who had a legitimate cause to haul...reason to haul people in the back of pickups maybe just a short distance between fields, detasseling corn and so on. That's why the bill was amended, LB 293--I believe was a committee amendment; I was going to look that up and I didn't get it done. But anyway, it was amended to provide what we called the agricultural exception. And that was, as I said, LB 293. I guess it's up to the body if that's what they want to do is take that exception out. I...as I recall the bill--and it was Senator Aguilar's bill then, too, I believe--simply died on General File. I just want to make sure that people understand what we're doing here. And I can understand the rationale for wanting to do it, is that it's a policy change. If we want to do it and they can get 25 votes, so be it. But that's a bit of the history, the background on how we got where we are with the bill, and how it came out of committee this time around. It had that agricultural exception in it, because we'd worked so long and hard on it the prior session to get it moved as far as we did. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Baker. I see no further lights on this amendment. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. And thank you, Senator Baker, for the question that you asked