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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does your sheriff know you?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who enforces the law, primarily, in your county?

SENATOR BAKER: A combination of the State Patrol and the sheriff. Most of the tickets are written by the State Patrol.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that the State Patrol would write you a ticket if they saw you with your grandchildren in the back of your truck?

SENATOR BAKER: Not now they wouldn't. It's not against the law.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How often do you see a State Patrol person drive past the area where you would be having your grandchildren in the back of a pickup truck?

SENATOR BAKER: Occasionally. I would guess...I'm not there right now, obviously, but maybe once a month.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Once a month. Thank you, Senator Baker. Members of the Legislature, the "ruralies" have succeeded in defeating Senator Aguilar's bill. He had 20 votes. So I'm going to have to fight some of these other bills as hard as I fought his. Reasoning does not carry the day in this Legislature. I've always said, just tell me what the rules are and I'll play by them and I'll beat you at your own game. If this were a nothing bill and the issue were not so grave, I believe I could be prevailed on not to let there be any spillover onto other bills. But remember this. I'm one vote. There are 48 senators. Any time you can get 33, you can shut me up on any issue, any issue you choose. One of these times I'm going to cite from a poem by Rudyard Kipling, called "The Ballad of the East and the West." And you all have heard some of it. "Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet, / Till Earth and Sky stand presently at God's great