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without to the Schimek amendment, the situation where a vehicle with passengers subject to the bill is traveling at less than 25 miles an hour. Is there anything that would prevent them from traveling on any certain roads in the state?

SENATOR AGUILAR: No.

SENATOR SMITH: So very conceivably, someone could be driving on the Interstate with a speed limit of 75 miles an hour. Is that right?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Well, that would be in violation of the law, because I believe there's a minimum speed limit there.

SENATOR SMITH: I'm sorry. I didn't understand.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Is there not a minimum speed limit on the Interstate? They would be in violation of that law.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. So a road with a 65 mile an hour speed limit, could a vehicle such as this drive on that?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yeah.

SENATOR SMITH: But not go over 25 miles an hour, is that right?

SENATOR AGUILAR: If children are present in the back, correct.

SENATOR SMITH: Right. Thank you, Senator Aguilar. I certainly want to express my reservations for that. I believe it to be very unsafe for a vehicle to be limited to travel 25 miles per hour in a 65-mile-an-hour zone. And I'll speak for myself, but if I'm driving on a highway around the state that there is a certain limit--and I'm not a speed demon. I have a pretty good driving record. I do speed once in a while, but certainly I believe myself to be a safe driver. But every once in a while there's someone driving pretty slow, and I find that to be highly unsafe. And when we encounter that situation, I believe there...we could be opening ourselves up for an even greater danger. And that's why I just have reservations on the entire LB 227. I looked for ways in the beginning to support this, and