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to persons riding in any portion of the vehicle not designed or intended for the use of passengers--the back of pickup trucks. That's a primary offense. That's the way Senator Aguilar had it in his original bill and that makes some logical sense in that if you're in the cabin of a vehicle at least you have some protection; if you're in the open flatbed you're easily, of course, thrown out and injured. I think that that covers all of the different items in the amendment. I hope I've brought everything to your attention in a fairly clear sort of way. I think at this point I would invite Senator Aguilar, if he should wish some of my time, to comment on anything that I made less than clear, or to add his own dimensions to the discussion at this point. Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator, you have about one minute.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I think one minute will be plenty here and then I can turn off my light as well. But I want to thank Senator Beutler for his effort here. I think he's done a great job with it. I want to thank Senator Bromm, Senator Schimek, Senator Chambers, who all took part in the discussion and helped come to a resolution on this. I know there's still going to be some senators disappointed in what this actually brings to the table, and for them I would like to read this short section that is actually testimony that we got...we received in Transportation Committee from Romell Cooks, who is the regional administrator for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Kansas City, Missouri. She was in town testifying on another piece of legislation and I kept a copy of her testimony and this particular area caught my eye, and I hope the rural senators here will please listen to this: Nebraska's rural communities are most at risk. Over 80 percent of the state's traffic deaths occur in rural areas, and the fatality rate per vehicle mile traveled is 2.6 times higher in rural Nebraska than urban communities. That tells the whole story, folks. That tells the whole story right there. Over 80 percent of the deaths are in the rural area.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator, I have to say that that's the end of the closing. Now you may speak on your five-minute time.