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realize that the information Senator Aguilar is going from is from those individuals from Highway Transportation Safety and other areas, but I guess I would be interested to know, personally, and I think the record should reflect that that 80 percent, you know, if there is a breakdown, that we could understand if those also include those that are driving on the interstate, because obviously those wouldn't be covered if the amendment is adopted, or other areas. So I would be interested from Senator Aguilar if he could distribute us some information that would share maybe a better breakdown or, if that information is available, where we could go to find them. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I think I cannot support the amendment and the way the bill is now. I think I could have at one time. I do understand. I don't like to start making exemptions for this and that and everything else, but as I listen to the debate and I think through the consequences and the penalties that Senator Quandahl had talked about, and anyone under 18 years of age, I do think it's a fallacy to use the analogy that there are all these people that are...more accidents in the rural area than to assume that they're ones that are riding in the back of a pickup. It's more blind corners, and I understand that. But when I think of just the practical sense of it, under 18 years of age, that's high school kids, and I know a lot of times high schools kids are hired to go out and work in bean fields, and when you get done at the end of the day, load them in the pickup and drive a quarter mile down the road, or a half a mile down the road, to where their cars are or whatever it might be. And then to think of the penalties that are involved from that, I can't support this. I do always kind of cringe when we constantly are making laws that tell everybody how to think. I know once in awhile my grandkids will get in the back of the pickup and I will say, you have to sit down. If we get on the highway, I will not let them ride back there. And I know people don't always use good judgment, but then I don't know how we legislate that. But we're getting awfully restrictive now. As far as detassellers, I know that was mentioned at one time, but I