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remember I used to detassel and we rode in the back of a truck all the time, but anymore I don't think it's ever done that way. It's almost all buses. So they try to protect them that way and not have a load of kids in the back of a pickup. But I just think we're getting down to now where we're causing some damage that something that needs to be done. I understand your goals, Senator Aguilar, and I think they're very just. We want to protect our young people. But the way it is now, without any exclusion, I think I cannot support the amendment or the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Beutler, on AM2503 to LB 227. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I'd waive my right to speak at the moment and let other people talk.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler waives his right. Senator Chambers, on AM2503.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm concerned about children everywhere, in the city, in the country, the village, on the farm. It makes no difference where they are. I have worked with rural people, whether it's called the rural area, the farming sector or whatever, while I'm a member of the Agriculture Committee, very assiduously. I have bailed them out of a lot of messes that they got themselves into and didn't realize it and didn't know how to get themselves out. There was a rural commission that the Governor had played fast and loose with, and tricked the Legislature into striking from the statute, and I came along and rescued it. I have done far more to help these rural people, who don't know sometimes one end of the serpent from the other, and I get weary of them looking for special consideration and want this Legislature to endanger children as though they own them, like they own their cows, pigs, and chickens. Well, these are our children and if we want to risk 'em in the truck, we should be able to do that. I'm going to fight them, not only on this bill but other bills of theirs, because when they don't care about children then I cannot care about the economic issues they bring to us. I wasted my time at the Ag Committee yesterday helping to clarify