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SENATOR McDONALD: So anyone over the age of 18 would not be a problem at any speed.

SENATOR AGUILAR: No, that was not the intention of this bill at all.

SENATOR McDONALD: Okay, but they are excluded. So if someone is down at the river and they have a inner tube in the back of their pickup and they're holding the inner tube and they're going, you know, 25, 30, and they're over the age of 18, is that...is that an offense?

SENATOR AGUILAR: If they're over the age of 18, correct.

SENATOR McDONALD: There it's not an offense.

SENATOR AGUILAR: But I would suggest that they take a rope and tie that inner tube down than risk their life and be in the back of the pickup.

SENATOR McDONALD: I understand that, but we know sometimes that that happens. Just wanted to clarify what's been changed in the bill, and I'll turn the rest of my time over to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there were some fee bills related to pollution that I thought were all right, but how are you going to enforce it? That's what I want to know. Are you going to be able to check everybody who might violate the law? What Senator Schrock said is preposterous as an argument against this bill. There are many laws on the books which officers are not going to be able to enforce even when they see them violated. Policies of the state are set by the Legislature, and the Legislature does that by enacting laws. If the exemption that the rural people want were put into the law, that would be the first time that a license was given affirmatively by the Legislature to allow