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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Aguilar, and this will be your third time.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I want to address a couple of things that were said on the floor here. One of them, by Senator Schrock, I thought was kind of interesting because I think it's actually going to help my case here. He said if he wants to take his grandkids on his property, take them for a ride and go 25 miles an hour, nobody is going to come on his property and bother him. You know what? He's exactly right, so why is he opposing this bill? He's exactly right. Nobody is going to come on his property and bother him. I'd also like to address, I know there is concern in the lobby that detassellers, when they are on their machines, that they stand on these machines as they go through the fields to detassel. Same answer--people are not going to go on into private fields and ticket somebody where these kids are working on these machines. That is not the intent of this bill at all. Somebody else said that, you know, you can't legislate common sense. That's an interesting statement as well. What would you say the seat belt law is? I mean it's common sense that if you fasten your seat belt more lives are going to be saved. That's common sense and we legislated that. The purpose of this bill is the same thing--try to save young people's lives. That's what we're trying to do and I think we owe it to our young people to legislate that. Common sense really fits into that because I would ask the question, you know, if there are six kids in the back of the pickup, is there some sort of proof that they are going to use common sense and they are not going to be rowdy at some point or the other? Those things happen, and I don't mean that negatively against teenagers, but teenagers like to have fun and that could happen, they accidentally fall out of the pickup. A good example here, well, I think it was just last week I read in the paper where a young father was giving his son a ride. He was pulling him with his pickup on the hood of a car tied to the back of the pickup. If I remember right from the article, I think his son flew off, hit a tree and was killed. That's heartbreaking. There was no intent there. It was just a father and son having fun, but it was a huge mistake on his part. Sad, sad situation that broke my heart when I read about