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rural area, the roads are narrower. Most of the time the vision is obscured because of the cornfields. There is narrower shoulders and many times there's...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR AGUILAR: ...higher speeds involved--very important factors, very important factors that we need to take into light. Another set of statistics from the National Highway Traffic and Safety Association; it was noted that rural fatal crashes compared to urban fatal crashes have a larger proportion of crashes with more than one fatality per crash, a truck involved, a vehicle rollover, severe vehicle damage, a head-on collision, and ejected persons. Those are pretty telling statistics. We've heard a lot of discussion about personal choice, we should have personal choice, and why are we legislating things that people should be able to do through parenting? I'll tell you why we're doing it. Because they save lives, folks. How many people in here voted for the seat belt law and for what reason? Because it saves lives. Is that important to anyone besides me and the people supporting this bill?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 227. There's been a request for a machine vote on advancement of LB 227. All in favor in favor of advancement to E & R for engrossing vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 227 to E & R for engrossing. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 227.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. LB 227 does advance. And I do raise the call this time. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill, LB 449 is on Select File.