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been in favor of both the committee's amendment and the Transportation, Telecommunications Committee amendment which was brought in by the Department of Roads. And remember that the bill says that the city or town, village, can draft the ordinance as tight as they want to, to include anything that they want to in the ordinance, and that could be also requiring the organization to carry a liability insurance. And I would be acceptable of an amendment not quite as strict as Senator Chambers was talking about, but of an amendment that says you have to stick out things like the Roads Department does now when there's construction ahead, a sign saying, posted, advance notice of activity ahead, contributions, whatever. I think that's a safety issue that I wouldn't have any problem with either, and I'm sure the people that I'm working with wouldn't have any problem with that. That would give people a leg up to what's going on ahead. You must remember again the question that Senator Combs asked me--how many people have been hurt or maimed in the 50 years they've been doing this--and there's none, to our knowledge. So these people do this very professionally, and I have no problems with tightening it down to make sure that the...that we do whatever we can to make sure that somebody doesn't get hurt and, if they do, there is liability. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. On with discussion. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would like to engage in a little conversation with Senator Dwite Pedersen, if I could, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: With this bill, can local jurisdictions and municipalities develop their own rules and guidelines as to who they will allow to solicit on these streets or avenues that are a highway?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: They can draft their own rules and regulations in any way, shape or form they want, yes, and as tight as they want.