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had last year, or maybe two years ago now, on detasseling. And as you will recall, we allowed children who were over 12 and under 16 to get into trucks and cars and vans and be transported to other places for the purpose of some...for the purpose of work. And what we did in that situation was to set out a number of criteria with regard to employment in that area, in addition to what was already in the statute, rather than prohibiting it altogether, since it was seen as a potentially beneficial thing for children, and a potentially beneficial thing for society, I guess. Why in this instance do you feel that it's appropriate to ban this altogether?

SENATOR FOLEY: Well...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would yield to Senator Foley, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Foley, would you respond?

SENATOR FOLEY: Yes, and thank you, Senator Beutler. The Lincoln Police Department made the case--and I think they're on target here--that asking a child to go door to door in an employment situation, particularly in the way it was handled in this particular instance with the Teens of Tomorrow, really was not a prudent thing to have a child do. To take a child in a van off to a distant city or distant neighborhood, where they're out of communication with their family, out of communication with the employer, and just set them off in the neighborhood, going door to door, could result in a lot of very difficult situations, and it did. And the police departments have been concerned about it, they're aware of it, they've had complaints on it, and they feel, and I agree, that if young people are going to work, that this is probably not the best place for them to work.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In that event, why would you allow them to do it if it's their own individual entrepreneurial endeavor?

SENATOR FOLEY: Well, presumably, if they're involved in an entrepreneurial endeavor-this is a presumption-that their family is more aware of what they're doing, and more involved in