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SENATOR KAHLE: I always thought that it was great in California because you could walk across the street even though the traffic was so heavy you usually got through all right. But, I think that you ought to specify exactly what you mean by designated crossing areas. I don't know whether we can get an amendment on it or what we can do. I couldn't support it unless it is designated.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Wesely, did you wish to close? Is this your amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Let me explain once again. I think that I can answer Senator Kahle's questions, I don't have the statutes in front of me, but there are definitions of what a crosswalk is. It does say specifically that it has to be an intersection and it does have to have certain requirements met so I think that his concerns are met. I would ask that you support the amendment, because it deals with a specific problem that was raised by Senator George and I agree that that would be a problem. But the end result is going to be that you are going to have safer streets. Pedestrians are going to be able to cross the street, older people, younger people trying to get across the street are going to have some respect from people in cars. That is the change that I think is very positive, it doesn't go as far as California, it doesn't have it where you step out in the crosswalk you are going to have cars screeching to a stop, but it does say when you are trying to get across the street, cars have to respect that right and that they are going to have to stop for you.

SENATOR NICHOL: The question is the motion of Senator Wesely. All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting aye.

SENATOR NICHOL: We are voting on Senator Wesely's motion.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, how many people..no, almost.

SENATOR NICHOL: Record.

SENATOR WESELY: There we go.

SENATOR NICHOL: Did you want more than 25, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: 25 is fine.