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minimum amount per violation with regard to certain violations of an environmental law.

SENATOR HALL: But is there a range allowed there, offered there, a minimum with a maximum?

SENATOR BEUTLER: As I recall, I believe it is a minimum fine. You can fine above, but you cannot fine below it.

SENATOR HALL: So it basically doesn't boil down to a specific dollar amount that has to be adhered to? There is...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think it allows for some latitude, right.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, thank you. Again, I would just like to point out that I feel when you are talking about people that are on fixed incomes they are looking at for two individuals in the front seat, a couple who may be out, say a fella rolled through a stop sign, didn't quite...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...stop. Do I get ten minutes on my amendment or five?

PRESIDENT: You get ten minutes.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you. Am I almost through that?

PRESIDENT: (Response inaudible.)

SENATOR HALL: Thanks. I would say that that individual would be stuck with facing a fine for not only rolling through the stop sign, but also for \$50, \$25 for each of the front seat passengers. I think that is rather steep. We could possibly see a poor fellow who, the week before...two weeks before had found himself out of a job, was only drawing \$120 in unemployment, and was faced with a \$50 fine on top of rolling through a stop sign. That could be devastating to someone. But, seriously, I feel that the fine is too steep. I don't feel that at the federal level if we were to pass this law with the \$10 fine that we would lose any of our federal highway money. I'm not sure that if we don't pass this, we're going to lose any of our federal