

Senator Chambers. The motion is on 1394. It reads (read (4) of Chambers amendments as printed in the Legislative Journal on page 1394).

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, again in order that you can follow where this will tie into the bill, the Final Reading copy before you, if you turn to page 3 at the end of line 13, the law with reference to assessment of points will give certain specific traffic violations and tell how many points are assessed against it, the license of the person convicted of one of these violations. Then it has a general catchall provision mentioning any other infraction or violation, and then says points will be assessed. But there are exemptions in that general paragraph, and in the past I have managed to add things that would be exempted. For example, you used to would lose two points off your license if you were driving a car, you had a valid driver's license, but you didn't have it in your possession at the time you were stopped, that was two points off. Some people had lost their licenses because those two points carried them over the top so I did bring an amendment several years ago. The Legislature adopted it. So now although you can be ticketed for not having your driver's license in your possession, there are no points off your license. Since it seemed that some people are intent on pushing this piece of legislation through, the amendment I am offering would specify that in the event that a person is convicted under this bill, it would not result in the assessment of points against such individual's license. I think it is a very appropriate amendment and I will tell you why, in addition to my opposition to the bill itself. The public does not know the number of points taken off their license for various infractions. If you ask most people why they would lose points off their license, they would usually say speeding or drunk driving or some of the more familiar offenses that occur. But they don't know how many other things you can do that would result in the loss of points and I am sure that the people would not be aware that failure to drive with a seat belt would result in points being assessed against your license. So I am asking that you adopt this amendment to guarantee that no points would be so assessed. That is the amendment and I hope you bring the bill back to adopt it.