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if it continued, infraction of the law, no doubt the parents would be contacted, and it could be taken care of. Now, I believe that there should be some penalty section on this law, if it's going to be a law, and the idea of the law, introduced at the request of the Motor Vehicles Department, was to have this reflecting material on the tires which illuminates greatly in front of an automobile light. There are several states now that have this law, and it's working very well. New York is the most populated state that has it, and I believe with the increased use of bicycles, that there should be some restriction on this. No doubt, the manufacturers will accede to this and have it on the bicycles, and this would not take effect until January 1976, which will give them a great time to get - now the material on their bicycles. Now the bicycles with the caliber brake, it has to be built into the tire to work. For the others, there are reflecting tapes that can be stuck on the rim of the wheel. Now you can put it on the handlebars or any place else - the side of the bike, but how does anybody know what it is? When that wheel is revolving and shining in front of a light, it'll become known as to what it is and also the material will be on the pedals of the bicycle which, likewise, will designate that this is a bicycle traveling down the street - and getting a side view. Of course, they have the front reflector and the rear reflector, which have been in vogue for some time. Now, I'm willing to take any amendment that the Body thinks is reasonable on this, but I don't believe a law should be put on the books unless there is some penalty clause in the law, but how is anyone going to - if they want it put on, they have to give a warning ticket to any child under a certain age. That would be acceptable to me. However, I don't think it would ever come to be a criminal record on any child unless he flatly disobeyed the law in a manner that would be more than an infraction of the bicycle law. So I would - I don't know what to do about it - there are several suggestions here. I think Senator Luedtke's suggestion was good, and I will turn it over to Senator Barnett now - he says he thinks he has a solution.

PRESIDENT: Well, the Luedtke amendment has been adopted; Senator Barnett, we're back to you. This is your amendment and this is what we're still discussing. What is your pleasure?

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, right at the time, it's done exactly what I wanted it to do - got their attention. It got their attention on what I thought was a ridiculous thing to start with - as far as the penalty section was concerned. So, if the penalty section was going to be on it, I wanted it where they could do something that wouldn't be monetary or take from the kid's pocket. Now, right now, Senator Cavanaugh is working on what several people have suggested that we do. It's not effective until 1975 - on January 1st, and that is - or '76 - '75 - '76, and that is that it will be the responsibility of the retailers to have this done - to have these bikes fixed in this condition, and that is coming up to the desk just as soon as Senator Cavanaugh can get it, and that is why I was sort of tickled to death that you people finally paid attention to this penalty section. You about ready with that?

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR BARNETT: And if it's proper at this time, I would withdraw my amendment to this bill.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Barnett now is asking unanimous consent to withdraw his amendments to the bill. Are there objections to the withdrawal of his amendments? Any objections? Hearing none - so ordered, the amendments are withdrawn. Senator Cavanaugh, we're back to you.