

would suggest we go immediately to Senator Morehead's amendments and let the battle begin.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Senator DeCamp. Mr. Clerk, how about the first amendment and we'll take up the amendments ahead of...the amendments to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Well, Mr. President, I did have two amendments to the committee amendments filed by Senator Hoagland. However, Senator Morehead as introducer has priority and her amendment to the committee amendments is found on page 1229 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, the amendment is found on page 1229. Thank you, Senator DeCamp, for deferring here so graciously and this amendment does as Senator DeCamp says, it reinstates the bill which he had the audacity to strike to begin with you know. But we will reinstate the bill with our amendment to the committee amendments with your cooperation obviously in giving us a vote and additionally we add some clarifying language. Now this is the same clarifying language that appears as you have seen printed in Senator Schmit's amendment except his was to the bill. We have incorporated Senator Schmit's amendment and that does clarify such items as we never intended to include motorcycles in this or mopeds and so you will see that that is stated. We will also indicate that people in the front seat of a vehicle, as this bill requires, do not have to be belted unless the vehicle is equipped with belts. You'll find this. You'll find that we have clarified the violation and that it is only a traffic infraction with a fine of \$25.00. You'll find that it indicates that there are times when the bill does not apply for purposes of physicians exemptions, rural letter carriers, people like this. Additionally we add a new Section 6 which addresses the Department of Transportation standards on mitigation and it also addresses Nebraska law as it now stands. And that Section 6 is important. We feel that it complies with the Department of Transportation standards on mitigation, but that it also meets some of the concerns of people in mitigation saying that under Nebraska law noncompliance of seat belt usage cannot be considered more than slight for the plaintiff. So those things are incorporated in this amendment and I would