

you already have something in your car that is not going to cost you anything. It's there. If you wait until this becomes something that we have to do, it becomes mandatory down the line, then you're going to be paying in another form of pill and that's with dollars out of your pocket and so I would just like to remind you all of that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it probably hasn't been discussed yet, but it's been said that Nebraska should be a leader. Well, seven states, Arkansas, Georgia, Maryland, North Dakota, South Dakota, Virginia and Montana have killed seat belt laws. Seven states have not even raised the issue, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, Vermont and Wyoming. They haven't even raised the issue so I think first of all we're being a little hasty. Why do we have to do this all of a sudden? And another point is that U.S. Senator, Senator Jack Danford stated, I am concerned that the whole thing is a sham, that the whole mandatory seat belt requirement is a sham and a hoax and that it could be passed by a state legislature knowing that it is not enforceable. Let's see what happened in Canada. They were using seat belts by 21 percent. Then they passed in 1976 an Ontario law and it went into effect. The first two months after it became law observers found 71 percent were using the seat belts. However, six months after the law, only 48 percent of the drivers were seen wearing their seat belts. So that was only a 26 percent increase. So it isn't going to do the job. Now one of the things that happened to me when I was in Washington as you well know, I was very angry when President Reagan walked out and the next person up was Secretary of Transportation, Madam Dole. So without waiting to be recognized I stood up in the aisle and being angry, I came on pretty strong, and I said, Madam Secretary, the President just got through saying we have to deregulate. The President said we have to give more control back to the states. Federal government should not tell the states what to do. Now, Madam Secretary, I have a small problem and I would like to have you give me the answer to the 80 percent of my constituents who do not want mandatory seat belts that you are saying we must have. Well, I felt kind of sorry for the lady because she wasn't ready for the way I said it and what I said and she said, well, we...well, we had a lot of options to consider, we had a lot of options and we