

considered all these options and you know the option of where you have the automatic seat belts come on and close and we considered air bags and we just came up with it, mandatory seat belts is the way to do it. Well, they used to have those seat belts of when you turned the ignition they strapped you in, but evidently that isn't what they wanted. Do you know why? People were disconnecting them. So that shows one of the options. They knew it wouldn't work. So just out of the clear blue sky the federal government and the secretary decided that they're going to tell us that we're going to have to wear mandatory seat belts and they made all these threats of what are going to happen to us if we don't. Well, maybe air bags are better. Who is to make that decision? You'll find the car dealers say, we don't want air bags, oh, no. It's going to cost \$280 if we have air bags. That's why the car dealers are fighting this.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, maybe they're better. Could be, and the only reason they're fighting it is on account of the cost. Some studies have shown that air bags do work and are better, but the other states aren't in a hurry. They have killed this bill and I don't see any reason for us to necessarily be a leader. We have plenty of time, if they ever get close to the two-thirds that they have to have, then it will be plenty of time to bring this up. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz is next, but may I introduce some guests of Senator Hefner. In the south balcony there are 38 students from the Creighton Community High School near Norfolk, Nebraska, and their teacher. Would you please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you. Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I didn't realize we were...are we speaking on John DeCamp's committee amendments?

SPEAKER NICHOL: We're speaking to the Morehead amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Okay. Well, I rise to oppose LB 496 in any shape or form. I believe what Senator Sieck was trying to