

tell us is true and my good friend, Senator Chronister, the laws that you mentioned, the speed limit laws, drunk driving law, stop signs, traffic lights, all of those are put into effect and they are good laws because they are for the protection of others. In other words we don't want to run through a stop sign and possibly damage or injure private citizens or going speeding down the highway and drunk driving. All those are for the protection of others. What we're doing now is protecting ourselves. I have been on the floor of this Legislature many times complaining and you would never stand and hear me speak on freedom of choice. As you recall, freedom of choice is used at all times when we're speaking of abortion and time after time those people, the senators that have opposed me on abortion, have stood up here and said, freedom of choice. A woman should have the right to do as she so chooses with her own body, so I stand here now and say, let's give freedom of choice when it comes to safety seat belts.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck and then Senator Remmers.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Labeledz did say some of the statements that I was going to say, but to counteract Senator Chronister's remarks, these are state laws that you were mentioning and they were not mandated by federal laws. We seem to need to protect other people on the highways and that's the reason we've got these laws. We've got a driver's license to be sure that you're capable of driving. We also test you so that you wear your glasses so if you need the glasses so that you can see. So really the seat belts has nothing to do with that. And to me it is an educational process and that is what we are going through this afternoon. I feel and I have nothing against seat belts, I think we all should wear them, but when they are mandated by somebody and that is what I object to. I don't object to the seat belts. And as far as newer automobiles, they have got that little buzzer that comes on if you don't put your seat belts on, so it is a pretty good reminder and I kind of appreciate that because it does remind me of putting my belts on. I remember my car before that had seat belts but I very seldom put them on because nothing told me to put them on. Now today the automobile I have does tell me to put them on and I think it is a good lesson. But the idea of someone telling us to do something, you know, as far as pills, yes, but who prescribes them to us? The doctors do, the medical