

profession, or whatever. It isn't the federal government that tells us to do it. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers, please.

SENATOR REMMERS: I would rather speak on the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Morehead, may I ask you a question?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Since you are the introducer of this bill along with other people, why is the federal government mandating seat belts if that is the most...not as safe for us as safety belts? The seat bag, I mean.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Senator Hartnett, you will find, and another point that I want to make in my answer is the fact that the automobile dealers are not pushing this because of cost. They are pushing this for an answer to you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: That is what they all...

SENATOR MOREHEAD: They know...

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...tell me.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: They know that air bags alone do not provide the protection that safety belts do. In other words, if you spend all that money for an air bag in your car, it must also be worn in conjunction with a lap belt in order to function. And people are going to have a false sense of security from just that air bag alone. So it is not a matter of cost, it is a matter of knowing.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Why are the federal government...why is the federal government saying that...why is the federal government saying...getting back to what Senator Sieck says, why are they requiring or mandating or the Secretary of...

SENATOR MOREHEAD: The chronology of that issue is the fact that the Department of Transportation is mandated to develop safety rules for the public. They had some safety rules