

published, required for the manufacturers, as you found out, you know, with the automatic seat belts that didn't work unless your ignition was on, and a few things like this. The Supreme Court has directed the Department of Transportation to go back and reevaluate those. So the Department of Transportation's response is a response to a Supreme Court...excuse me, my voice...is a response to a Supreme Court directive that they have.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So they have to...

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...the Supreme Court is saying that they have to...

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...have air bags rather than seat belts?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: No, they are saying that they need to develop these safety rules for us, and in the choices that they had to make, they realized that the best choice was not the air bag for just the reasons that I said, that it would not work without a lap belt. Therefore...it is your time, I know.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Why don't we then allow the federal government just to say...put the mandate of a seat belt rather than we do it state by state? If the federal government is only going to require seat belts...is that...that's what I hear you saying.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Right.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Why don't we just simply wait, let the federal government, let the big boys in Washington pass laws rather than us little boys, little boys and girls in the state Legislature do it?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Well, I think they are probably like you are with your children. It is easier to coerce you to do something that you know is right in an easier way than to do it that way. They have already mandated that those safety belts be there in the automobiles. They have already done that.