

have now adopted it, according to Nebraska law we have said that nonusage of safety belts cannot be considered more than slight for purposes of compliance to Nebraska law, but that nonusage of safety belts can be introduced for mitigation purposes, but not more than slight. And this is in compliance with Nebraska's current standing in its current laws. I would like to say that every year, if we adopt this, we are probably going to be saving at least 85 lives. Last year two hundred and some lives were lost in the State of Nebraska, 245, so we would probably be saving more lives than this. We would be saving to the State of Nebraska approximately \$37 million and I passed out earlier this morning a sheet of paper from the fiscal office and on that paper it gave you some examples of the cost that could be saved to our state government. You can see on the second page of that statement all of the aid that goes to the Natural Resources District, the aid to the counties and the aid to the cities from our state only totals, if you will, \$34.4 million. So to our state government by using required safety belts we would be saving more dollars than this. There are additionally on that sheet of paper other examples of comparable expenses of money to the State of Nebraska. We are not leading the way in this. In fact we are sadly behind. The United States is the last industrial country to adopt regulations such as this because of their life and cost saving measures, not only to the country, but also to the companies and individual families and people in our country. Canada, as someone has pointed out, there are seven provinces that have adopted this. The statistics are overwhelming. In Nebraska we have about 11 percent or 12 percent compliance through all the educational programs including driver education which we fund, so something is wrong on educational programs. You will find that with the adoption of this type of legislation compliance will probably jump from that 11 percent to 60, hopefully 70 or greater percent because people in our country are generally law-abiding individuals. We've found that in England before the law it was 20 percent and after the law it's 95 percent compliance. In Australia, the first country went from 30 percent to 80 percent. Hopefully our statistics would be the same way. I would say to you that the savings to the United States totally would be \$5,200,000,000. That in the federal budget is approximately the amount of money used to fund the Justice Department. I would say that is a considerable savings to not only our state, but also to our nation and you can see why we have a lot at stake in