

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment merely says the first time you violate the law, or you are caught violating the law, for the first offense you are going to receive a warning statement, the requirements of the law on the use of a safety belt seat system and the penalties for a second or subsequent violation. Now we have talked about education. We have said that this bill will educate people, which is fine. So this amendment merely educates the people the first time that they are violating the seat law, that is all it does, education. I don't think we should go out and do all these horrible things to them on the first time they do it, because some of them may not know it is a state law. So it is really kind of a frivolous little amendment. It just says, hey, Senator Morehead, you've been a bad girl, here is the law, we don't want to catch you again and give you a warning ticket. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh, I believe you were first on after the amendment came up.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you very much. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I object to cluttering up our statutes with this. I hope you are aware that when new laws are passed in the realm of traffic laws the managing person at the head of that law enforcement has this flexibility now. To start putting this kind of...in our law is not what we need to do. You noticed, thank you. Senator Haberman has publicly stated that he is not in favor of the bill, and from here on I think it simply is harassment, and do not go along with it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I didn't really want to upset my good friend, Senator Shirley Marsh, with this amendment so I'll withdraw it if it is going to cause that much hardship.

SPEAKER NICHOL: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have...Senator Haberman, can I assume then, Senator,...do you want...the