

believe the Haberman amendment, which was the one I was suggesting earlier we consider, effectively rendered the bill, I think, almost satisfactory even to those who "oppose" the seat belt law. That is not to say I'll vote for it. I don't know. If I thought it was a vote short, I'm sure I would. My point is this, Senator Haberman was successful in getting his bite of the apple. He got an amendment that did a 50 or 60 percent reduction in what you could say were the offensiveness of the bill to those that oppose it. I guess I think at that point they have a right to try to advance the bill and to see if that isn't the satisfactory solution. I believe, with the bill in the form it is now, I could honestly go to the people of my district, the 90 percent that say they oppose this, and I could tell them the bill is a strong statement, it is a strong political statement by government that you need to wear seat belts, a little stronger than putting an ad on TV. At the same time those things that were kind of abhorrent to so many of us, the government intrusion, is watered down to almost nothing in the present form. So I would say the bill is, by any way of reckoning, a reasonable settlement of the issue. I would even suggest that the sponsor of the amendment, Haberman, Senator Haberman, should consider that a satisfactory settlement of his concern about the bill, and either let it go. It's been crippled. There is no use picking on a cripple. So I would urge you to reject the kill motion and take an up or down vote on the bill in its present form. I think that could let us get on to other things then.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Richard Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. Speaker, members, I guess I rise to support Senator Haberman in his kill motion. I have no problem with the use of seat belts, but I still...everybody is talking free choice. I think that is what it comes about. I think it comes about in education, more education. If you think back a number of years ago when we had the zip code, they were always going to mandate the zip code, mandate it, but they kept harping, news articles, and radio, TV. We never did mandate the zip code. Yet, today 99 percent, almost 100 percent of the people use the zip code. I think a number of things like this comes about by education. Senator Remmers was discussing a handout. That was my handout. If we're going to go ahead and mandate using seat belts, then I think it behooves us to come in