

and Senator Goll alluded to the fact that 150 lives would be saved. Senator Goll just said 150 lives in a year. It may be true, but as Senator Peterson said, why, and I know that statistics show that smoking and drinking and drunk driving, which coincides with drinking, kills a lot more people. I'm surprised that we haven't had legislation. I would quit smoking only if somebody passed a law and said it was illegal, I can tell you that right now because I've tried and it doesn't work. But if Nebraska law or the federal law said smoking is illegal, I probably would obey the law and discontinue smoking and probably save my life. But I don't think, and as Senator Remmers mentioned the insurance premiums are so high, so are they for hospitalization because of the cancer victims and the alcoholics that come up with heart trouble or high blood pressure. So, I think if we are going to be consistent, we ought to pass laws and say that we can't continue smoking, we cannot continue drinking, and there are other things that protect my health. Maybe I should take a vitamin every day. Maybe after a certain age I'm supposed to take more vitamins than I did when I was younger. We're going to protect each other and our lives. I think that we've got to go a little bit further than that, other than just safety seat belts. If the safety seat belt protected anybody else but themselves I would say, yes, make it mandatory because of the fact that you are endangering somebody else's life. I wear a seat belt when I'm driving because I don't trust myself as a driver. But when I'm riding with somebody else, I don't wear a seat belt, I'm going to be truthful and honest with you. The many letters that I've got are all asking us why, why are you playing big brother, why are you taking away my freedom of choice. So I say if we're going to protect lives, let's go all the way and make sure, as someone said here, take your pills every day and make sure that you take your blood pressure pills, stop smoking, stop drinking, don't cross the street when we've got the red light showing, when it says don't walk. There are many things we can do to protect lives. The thing that Senator Haberman said, and it was most interesting, when you've got 30, 40 children on a bus, why can't we insist that the manufacturer put in seat belts? I don't care how the bus is built. A child has to be told what they should do and what they shouldn't do, especially riding a school bus. Another thing that bothers me,...

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