

judgement of road conditions. Let's suppose we had that harmless little drug. Then suppose that laws were proposed that would require all drivers to take such a tablet twice a day. We would hear the same plausible argument, such laws would save 20,000 lives every year. But it is unthinkable that state legislatures would enact them. We wouldn't do it. There are dangers in reducing arguments to absurdities, but the device has been used nonetheless. The question always must be where is the line to be drawn between freedom and compulsion. When we get into this business of air bags and seat belts we are talking about preserving our lives. That is fine. But we also ought to be talking about preserving our freedoms, including, if you please, the freedom to be foolish. That is what we are talking about, our freedom, our freedom of choice. Not only that, I told you my district says 80 percent, no, and if you had a constitutional amendment, or if you let the citizens vote on this they would say, no. But here is a legislature saying we don't represent the citizens, we are going to do this regardless of what you want, regardless of what you want you are going to wear a seat belt or we are going to get you. I think that is wrong. I think it is wrong. If it is right, then we should do what I just got through reading you, let's go all the way and regulate everything. With that, Mr. President, I'll close. I'll ask you to vote for the kill motion. Let's get this out of the way because it's going to take more time down the road. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You've heard the closing. The question is, shall the bill be indefinitely postponed? So that you are clear on it, if you vote yes you vote to kill the bill. If you vote no, you vote to keep the bill. So the question is, shall the bill be indefinitely postponed? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. A record vote has been called for, so if you wish to vote please do so. Have you all voted? Record vote has been called for. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record as found on pages 1259-60 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 26 nays on the kill motion, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Do you have anything else on it?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Senator Beutler would move to amend the bill.