

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, the amendment is a technical amendment in response to Senator Carsten's concern, which is agreeable with me if it is just put on on Select File. So I'll just withdraw it at this point and ask the Clerk to print it in the Journal and resubmit it as an amendment to the bill on Select File.

SPEAKER NICHOL: So ordered.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, we are back to the bill. Senator Morehead, would you like to lead off?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: I'd like to move for the advancement of the bill as it stands, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any other...Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any other discussion on the advancement of the bill? Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, driving on the highway is a regulated activity and has been for many years. These laws are not burdensome, they benefit drivers, passengers and the public, so will LB 496. An unbelted driver or passenger is a hazard, not only to himself or herself, but to others, others on the highway, the road or others who come in contact. Your best defense against a drunk driver is being safely belted in your automobile. When there is an accident, and a death or serious injury, dependent spouses and children are left without support. For many, many reasons I support LB 496, but I'm not supporting it because federal government told me to do one thing or another. I'm supporting it because it is right, it helps the citizens of my state and it provides protection, the quickest way I know how, for all the people. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.