

pick up two or three votes but she is going to lose one here, I will tell you that. I am not for this kind of amending. I am not for amending a bill when it comes onto the floor with no hearing, no background, to be injecting into the bill that it shouldn't be injected. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Before we go on to the next speaker, we would like to welcome in the south balcony, 78 fourth graders from the Golden Hills School in Omaha with three teachers. They are Senator Beyer's guests. Please stand and be recognized and welcomed by the Legislature. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam Chairman, Senator Chambers would move to amend the Beutler, Vard Johnson, Hoagland amendment. (Read Chambers amendment found on page 1358 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chaircreature and members of the Legislature, I have an amendment here which I think ought to be added and I am going to read to you what would be left of the amendment that you are considering if mine is adopted. "Evidence that a person was not wearing a seat belt at the time he or she was injured shall not be admissible in regard to the issue of liability or proximate cause." The only reason this bill is being offered is because the auto dealers don't want state of the art safety equipment put in automobiles. They say it will raise the cost of vehicles, and by that happening, it will reduce their sales. This is strictly a matter of finance in the pushing of this bill. If we are talking about safety, and there is equipment available that can make vehicles more safe, and the Legislature is being asked to pass a bill that will do away with the necessity to include that equipment, the Legislature is not acting in behalf of the public, it is not acting in behalf of safety, it is acting in behalf of the automobile dealers, manufacturers, and others who make money selling cars. They feel that the lower the price can be kept the more cars that can be sold. When have they ever come in here concerned about the safety of anybody? Never. People have been killed on highways as long as there have been horseless carriages, and when have the automobile dealers and the manufacturers come in here and said, we are concerned because people are being harmed in vehicles and we