

you know where I am coming from, I am not saying anything to help the attorneys and I am sure all of you know that I have been many times against their proposals that I felt would cheat the people who had a legitimate right to go to court and obtain proper damages. In this case where they are saying that we have to have this in the seat belt law, that if you don't wear your seat belt, you could be given less compensation for an accident, I want to address two things here. If Carol Pirsch, Senator Carol Pirsch got a phone call right now and they said, Senator Pirsch, your husband has just been rushed to the hospital in Omaha with a possible heart attack, is it possible that Senator Pirsch would jump in the car and not wear her seat belt because she is so excited and try to get to Omaha and get to her husband? And is it not possible that on the way she could have an accident, not her fault, would it be fair because in her state of mind she forgot to put a seat belt on when she normally wears it, that her whole case would be thrown out of court? I don't think that is fair. As regards to Senator Chambers' remarks about the automobile industry having no concern about safety, Senator Chambers, I have to agree with you when you look back at the Pinto and how they measured the amount of damages they would lose if people got killed in that accident as compared to if they moved the gas tank in it. But by the same token, Senator Chambers, you and I both has always been together when it comes to jobs for the working men and working women. If we do not pass the seat belt law the way the federal government has mandated, the way the Reagan administration has mandated, and we are not in compliance, then they will go with this balloon thing that they keep talking about that can pop out any time in your face and it will cost five, six, seven hundred dollars, I don't know how much but I have been told as low as \$500 and as high as \$700 more. I don't buy a new car every year but I know some people that do trade cars every year. Now an additional cost of six, seven hundred dollars on a new car could very well cause them not to buy a new car. So what is the point I am making? Automobile sales would go down. I haven't bought a new car, Senator Chambers. I drive a 1981 Ford and my husband drives a 1980 Oldsmobile but they are getting up to a hundred thousand miles and we figure it is getting to the point where we ought to trade the 1980 anyway. But every automobile manufactured in the United States today creates seven to eight other types of businesses that provide jobs...