

SENATOR LABEDZ: One minute, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...outside of the manufacturer. You have a parts company that sells parts. You have garagemen that repair these cars. Seven to eight other types of businesses that are dependent upon the automobile manufacturing business. I don't really like the idea of forcing people to wear seat belts but I don't want to see us not in compliance with the federal government and then the price of cars goes up, fewer cars are sold, more people are laid off of work, and where are we. I feel that Senators Hoagland and Johnson's amendment would at least give me, if I was injured in an accident, 95 percent of what I have got coming to me instead of nothing without their amendment. Without their amendment, the federal government says, your fault, you didn't wear the seat belt.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Your time is up, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator Labeledz, or, Madam Chairman or Madam.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Higgins. We are still on the Haberman-Chambers amendment. Speaker Nichol, do you wish to speak to the amendment?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Please, Senator Labeledz, members of the Legislature, I support the Haberman amendment. I am not supporting this seat belt bill because the car dealers wish me to do so. All of them that I know are doing well and they are not necessarily pulling my strings. Secondly, Senator Hoagland's amendment is not an amendment, it is a bill. Thirdly, do you remember the seat belt helmet bill, correction, do you remember the helmet bill that we handled about six or eight years ago? And the federal government said to us, you have to have a helmet bill or we are going to hold 6 million bucks from highway funds from you, the State of Nebraska, because you don't have a helmet bill. So we gathered our forces together and put through a helmet bill. It was declared unconstitutional about a day or two after we got out of the session. What happened? They gave us our 6 million bucks, we had a helmet bill. Not at all, we had no helmet bill at all and we got our money. I am not running scared on this because we have to comply 100 percent with the federal suggestion. Those are suggestions. They don't say you have to comply 100 percent with what they say.