

outside the industry, after people have been killed, who have to push and push and push and spend time and money to make this upstanding safety-conscious industry, supposedly, do what it knew should have been done. This amendment, I think, will be accepted now because of what has been said but I had to get those remarks into the record because I am not through with the bill. But, remember, the federal government...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...when intruding into other people's lives in this fashion have not said that Nebraska has to pass this bill. The federal government said whichever the weakest of the two...the weakest two-thirds of the states have to do it, so Nebraska wants to jump in and say, we are the cowardly state. We are the shilly-shally state. We will do it although there will be all this yapping later on, Senator Johnson, yapping and yammering about individual rights and keeping the government out. I have something that occurred to me. I am wondering if another person brought a bill in that dealt with his or her industry whether questions would be raised? I wonder if Senator DeCamp, as a lawyer, were representing a company...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up. Senator Harold Sieck, please, then Senator Beutler.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, there has been some interesting conversations going on here and we are talking about safety, and I can assure you the safety belts is a safety instrument. But we are talking about the safety of ourselves, not about the other people, and I feel that this amendment is a good amendment because then we are assured that somebody else can't sue us because we didn't have our safety seat belt on because what we are thinking about is ourselves, not anybody else. We are not protecting anybody else but ourselves when we have that seat belt on and I wanted to get that clear. We are not protecting no one else but ourselves with that seat belt. It doesn't make us a safer driver or nothing like that. It doesn't keep us from drinking on the road or nothing like that. It doesn't take the drunken driving away or anything like that. It is just protecting ourselves and that is what it is all about. Thank you.