

dangerous. When I get in my car and get out here on the street, I know that is dangerous, too. Well, if the government is going to take care of me out there in that car, maybe they should have been taking care of me when I was straddling my legs around that old Brahman bull. I wish this body would stop and think about why the public has the perception they do of us. You know, Senator Beutler has got a code of ethics that he came to the Rules Committee with. He is going to bring it to this body and part of his concern was that the public doesn't perceive us as being entirely highly ethical. Well, I will tell you the public conceives of us at times of being a bunch of bozoes and at times we deserve that perception. I would just remind you what the purpose of government is. The purpose of government is to protect you from me but I don't think the purpose of government is to protect you from you. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I am going to support Senator Haberman's amendment. It may not be as artfully drafted as it should be but the question arose in my mind, as I was thinking about this measure, about older automobiles that do not have seat belts in them and there are a lot of older automobiles that just plain don't have seat belts in them and people drive those and they are relatively safe vehicles, and the question that I had is whether or not LB 496 would require the owner of those cars to in effect purchase and install seat belts after we pass the act, and I didn't think that that would be a good policy for us to require that to occur. So I believe from Senator Haberman's language that he in effect would provide that a car that doesn't have seat belts in it then the passenger and the driver do not have to wear the seat belt, and I think that is probably responsible language, so I support it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, then Senator Morehead.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I also support the amendment and I am surprised that Senator Johnson supported it, but when I heard his rationale I can see why he did. Now his logical processes are back in gear and he is functioning, not like some American cars but like a well-designed vehicle doing what it was designed to do.