

enable people who didn't want to have to wear their seat belt, to remove the belt if they choose. If they were driving a car without a seat belt then they were exempted from the law, but was it your intent...that was my understanding. Was your intent to deal with those situations where you may have a vehicle without a seat belt provided by the manufacturer?

SENATOR HABERMAN: My amendment says, "if a seat belt is provided." In other words, if you are in a vehicle and there aren't enough seat belts for the people in the front seat, you don't come under the law.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here is what I'm asking, based on what you intended, suppose a person were to remove the seat belts, would your amendment cover that person and exempt that person from the operation of the law?

SENATOR HABERMAN: That would be all right with me if they want to take them out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And your amendment would cover that situation?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I think so. I wish that wouldn't have been brought up, but I think it does.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Very well, then I'll take the rest of my time. I support Senator Haberman's amendment the way it is. I see now it was conceived in as much wisdom as I had thought. Now suppose somebody doesn't like me, Senator Haberman, and I'm parked some place where there are people who are skillful in opening a car without a key and the belts are removed from my vehicle, and I'm driving home and I'm stopped for some other reason and it is determined that I'm not wearing a seat belt, and I say, well I don't have it, it was stolen. Maybe the officer won't believe it was stolen and he'll give me a ticket. The way your amendment, in its wisdom, is drafted indicates that for whatever reason a seat belt is not in the car, if there is not one available, a person cannot be required to utilize that which is not there. Such being the case, I have to oppose Senator Morehead's amendment. Senator Morehead wants to bring us right back to what is in the bill already, which says that the only seat belts that have to be used are those that are provided by the manufacturer. So, with her charm, her smile