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SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if the approval is not given the seat belt that in vehicle...All right, let's say a seat belt is in a vehicle and the department does not approve of it. What becomes of the hapless driver? Must he or she then go out and have those belts replaced and then have the department rule on whether or not that belt is suitable?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Senator Chambers, very few people put individual belts in cars. Motor Vehicle Department approval is approval of those put in by manufacturers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that is all that you are interested in?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: That is the main thing that I'm interested in, that the manufacturer...that the Motor Vehicle Department authorizes or says that those installed by manufacturers are the ones approved.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then are you saying also that the only belts which can be approved...the only belts which will exempt a person from operation of this bill is one installed by the manufacturer?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Yes, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let's say that the one installed by the manufacturer becomes damaged, and the person then has the belt replaced, then that belt will not exempt a person from the operation of this law, will it?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Well, that is getting to be a fine line because we replace things on cars all of the time that have become damaged, you know. That is all open to, I suppose, litigation and court procedure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if the bill specifically says that the only kind...that is why I wanted to be sure what you are saying, if the only ones that can be approved are those installed by the manufacturer...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...then if it is not installed by the manufacturer, it cannot be approved, can it? She's offering you something. I'm willing to let you see what it is, then

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