

people to come, Senators Morehead, Chambers and Hoagland. Senator Goll.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President and members, I echo the remarks of Senator Beutler. If, in fact, you are against the seat belt bill then vote for Senator Haberman's amendment. If you approve and support the seat belt issue then I urge you to vote against it. His amendment is moot. This issue is handled in the statutes and is addressed properly. I urge you to vote against Senator Haberman's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, now I'll sum up or draw some conclusions from my discussion with Senator Morehead. I keep saying that safety is not the issue. The proponents keep saying it is. If you read the language of the bill, there is nothing in the bill that requires the seat belts to function in a manner that will protect an individual. When you say that the belt must be of a type approved, they could talk about the fabric from which the belt is constructed, the type of buckle or coupling that is required, where it must be attached to the seat or the frame of the automobile and such things as that. But there is nothing which says the belt must work. So in the haste to get something through this Legislature, which by the way does not have to be one of the two-thirds of the states which buckles, no pun intended, they are willing to put into the statute a piece of legislation that will allow belts that don't work, no requirement that they work. So what we ought to do, since you are mandating the wearing of this belt, is give the citizen a new cause of action against any manufacturer who puts a belt in a car that is defective, but I bet they won't support it because, contrary to the apologies for the automobile industry, those most closely associated with it know that a lot of vehicles produced in America are defective when they come from the factory and are known to be defective. So if you are going to compel the wearing of the belt and not put any requirement in the law that the belt work, you are saying that the citizen must rely on the