

manufacturer, must wear a defective belt if it is defective. So why don't we say, in order that the burden not fall just on the hapless citizen of Nebraska whose rights are being taken away by this conservative Legislature, this Legislature which pretends to be conservative, that should a person in complying with this law wear a seat belt which is defective, the mere fact that the belt is defective gives the citizen a cause of action against the manufacturer. That is the first one. It will make them more careful since they are pushing this bill. In the event that a person is injured then triple damages will be allowed to the individual injured as a result of the improper functioning or the nonfunctioning of one of these seat belts which the auto industry is compelling the citizens of Nebraska to wear. The auto industry is compelling every citizen in this state to wear a belt or become a violator of the law. So if you are going to put such a heavy burden on the citizens, why not put something on the one who is producing the item? The only belts that are required are those put on by the manufacturer. Nothing addresses the quality or lack of quality of those belts, and nobody supporting this bill seems to care about that. Something has to get 25 votes going through this Legislature, something which is evil, something which is hurtful, something which is destructive of the rights of the citizens. So until they can show you that they have a concern for the citizens, you shouldn't even consider passing this bill in any form. But in the meantime allow that spirit of individualism to assert itself. If a person, such as myself who does not use the seat belt anyway, chooses to remove it from the vehicle and take my chances, let me take my chances. If I want to roll the dice, let me roll them. If it comes up craps, you are not hurt, you are not harmed in any way by me not wearing a seat belt and this law cannot make me wear one anyway. So those busybody meddlers who think that they can come into my car with their meddlesome selves...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...those people with nothing better to do than to stick their nose into my business, think they can make me wear a seat belt, they cannot do it. They simply cannot do it. In the same way that you tell these meddlesome people to stay in their own yard and don't bring that gossip to my house, we ought to say the same thing on this bill. There will be other people, such as myself, out