

highway money, and the way it is stated that we don't have to pass it, two-thirds of the states have to, but I think that if we are going to pass it and there has been strong support for it, that the fine should be a reasonable one, one that is not excessive, and one that people can afford. We've watered the bill down to say that you have to be stopped for another violation, but yet we continue to impose, I think, a rather heavy fine. I think that if we are going to have a watered down bill, we ought to have a fine that suits the bill. I think \$10 is acceptable, I don't think it is excessive and it gets the point across. I would appreciate your support of this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead and then Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President and members of the body, obviously, as the prime introducer of this bill I have to oppose Senator Hall's amendment because the reason that we put a \$25 fine into this is because that it meets the guidelines that we were attempting to meet through the Department of Transportation. Those minimum guidelines were \$25. It is incredible to me when we look at the benefits that this bill has for us as a state, for the people of our state, that we are nit-picking on, I know it is not nit-picking to those people who are introducing these amendments, but we are thinking about every little, tiny exception that maybe could happen. Maybe we'll back up and our seat belt won't be on, or maybe we'll roll over the curb and our seat belt won't be on, and somebody will stop us. Yes, there are always those exceptions out there. There are some small exceptions, but we have to look at the overall benefit of the bill. Now in attempting to do the right thing all the way along, not only for the people of Nebraska, for the safety and the health and the well-being for their pocket books, individually as taxpayers, and for our pocket books collectively as taxpayers, we tried to meet the guidelines and in meeting the guidelines the guidelines said \$25 minimum fine. Now when we know there is only a \$10 fine out there on the interstate for breaking that law, ten miles an hour, you are more careless, aren't you, because you say, well, it's only ten dollars. But if it's \$25 then you say, oh, yes, it's \$25, that makes a difference. That \$15 makes a difference. So on the basis of, number one, meeting the federal guidelines, and, number two, encouraging people even more strongly to fasten their safety belt, I would have to oppose Senator Hall's