

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Vickers, I'd be very glad to help you with that bill next year. And, Senator Vickers, I intend to vote for your amendment this year. I think safety is the important issue. I think this is what we are talking about. But Senator Vickers is not putting the amendment to us because he believes in the concept, as I do, but because he is opposed to it. So we will be both voting green for very different reasons. If it had been practical to have had this in the bill to begin with, I would like to have had it there. I would like to have had the second seat or the third seat in a station wagon require persons to be safely secured in seat belts. But that is not what the issue is. We have a proposed piece of legislation which will help move us towards safety for our citizens. Let's move 496 along, and let's quit playing games which currently are being played.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, discussing the Vickers amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, many things which serve a good purpose are done through inadvertence. Senator Vickers is trying to accomplish a good thing on purpose. If safety really is the interest, what more precious commodity does a society have than its children? If children are going to be required to ride school buses, either by their parents who want them to go to a school which provides busing, if it is a private school, or a public school bus, they should have the same safety provided for them that we are being told this type of operation is going to provide for everybody else. So, as Senator Vickers pointed out, this is polygraph time really, and Senator Marsh is quite correct, some of us will vote yes for different propositions for entirely different reasons. But the fact is that this is the lie detector time. Are they interested in requiring safety for everybody in these vehicles, or just those vehicles having some appearance of being concerned about safety to prevent the manufacturers from using state of the art safety equipment? I'm in favor of Senator Vickers' amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goll.