

those vehicles within that state had to pass a certain inspection, as far as their trustworthiness to be on the road was concerned, it would cut down on the amount of fatalities across the nation. They indicated from the federal government that if the states didn't pass such legislation, they were going to start withholding highway funds. A number of states, Nebraska included, jumped in line like a bunch of ducks and passed such legislation. In the meantime, in the meantime the federal government decided that they really didn't have the statistics to back up their claims and so they never ever enforced what they said they were going to do. As a result of that, about half of the states in this nation never did have a yearly inspection program, motor vehicle inspection program, that is what I'm talking about, Senator Conway, the motor vehicle inspection program that this state passed under the same threat that we are trying to pass this law right now, and then later on we figured out that the federal government was right, that there really wasn't any statistics to indicate that it had done any good, that it saved any lives, and therefore we repealed it. It wasn't easy to do, but it was repealed. I remember very distinctly because I was one of the ones that introduced the legislation to repeal it. It was difficult to do, but I did it under the same philosophy that I oppose this bill, only this is even worse. As I indicated before lunch, I think each of us down in our own, as Senator Johnson puts it, our heart of hearts, have got to ask ourselves, what is the purpose of government? You know we all stand up and we talk about local control, and we talk about all the wonderful things that we should allow people to do, and we've heard it in school laws, and we've heard it in county laws, in city laws, and many other things. What about the people? What about for that individual? Do we really believe in our heart of hearts that the function of government is to protect me from me? If that is the case, then how far are we really going to go? Smoking is bad for me too. I don't happen to smoke, but it's been documented that smoking is bad for you. Why don't we pass a law making it illegal to smoke? I'm sure that Senator Marsh wouldn't mind that, and if it was certain cigars, Senator Landis, I wouldn't mind it either. But the point is that is a person's individual right to do what they want to do. I don't know where I'd get it because it is illegal to buy it, but if I want to go find some strychnine somewhere and take a spoonful of it just to see what it tastes like, that is my business. The government shouldn't tell me I can't do that.