

I suspect maybe we'd ought to outlaw guns, knives and a whole lot of other things that people might use to commit suicide or something with then because we, the government, know what is best for individuals. We, the government, know how best to protect people from themselves. Back when I was young and foolisher than I am now if I was damn fool enough to get on the back of that Brahman bull, I didn't want the government to tell me I couldn't do it. My parents and a few others told me I shouldn't do it, but I didn't listen to them either. Why should the government tell us that we have to do it? It is probably a wise idea, many times, to wear seat belts. And I can tell you that my wife and I wear our seat belts quite a bit, and we wear them because our daughter, who is a physical therapist, has been telling us that, you know, a lot of her customers wouldn't be there if they had their seat belts on. So we said once in awhile we wear our seat belts, but that is because we decided we wanted to ourselves. It wasn't because the government told us we had to. But we are going to pass a law because the federal government is threatening the automobile industry, and the automobile industry is saying, my gosh, it might raise the price of a new car \$500 to \$800, on a new car that costs \$8,500 to \$10,000, Senator Lamb. I don't know what a new car costs, but those people who will buy a new car will spend that much money for a tape deck in it, for crying out loud. But we are afraid that we might cause the price to go up a little bit for a system that, quite frankly, probably would save more lives than the seat belts do. But the automobile manufacturers don't want to put them in. So, therefore, they are saying, by gosh, force everybody to put seat belts on. But yet, Senator Morehead, one of the sponsors of this bill, in response to Senator Labeledz a little while ago, said, Senator Labeledz, you'd probably buckle your belt before the cop got there and we all know that is true. How many of us think that anybody will actually be fined for not having a seat belt on? How many in this body think that when the red lights go on behind you you are not going to reach up and grab that buckle...seat belt and buckle it. Come on. Do we really think people are that stupid? There are some stupid folks in the State of Nebraska all right, and I'm beginning to think there is quite a collection of us right here in this room. I think we ought to watch what we are doing because people are watching us. They are saying, you know, I think we are smart enough to make our own decisions. You know what, when it affects just them I agree with them, I think they are