

SPEAKER NICHOL: The house is under call. Sergeant-at-Arms, will you please put the senators in their seats, please. Those who are not in the Chamber, please return to the Chamber and record your presence. You might be interested in knowing, while we are waiting to get in our seats, that I just received a call from a lady who is quite angry, in Lincoln, who knows me and suggested that we get seat belts for the senators to keep them in their seats. Just thought I'd give that to you in passing. She hung up suddenly after that. Senator Haberman, would you like to record your presence, please. Senator Lundy. Senator Hoagland, record your presence, please. Thank you. Senator Miller, your green light, please. Thanks. Those excused are Senator Schmit, Senator Vard Johnson and Senator Chronister. We are looking for Senator Goodrich and Senator Landis. Thank you. Senator Vickers, would you like to begin closing while we are getting Senator Goodrich in?

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Goodrich is the only one that is not excused, Mr. President?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, that's right.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, yes, certainly. Mr. President, members, the issue is whether or not we ought to pass LB 496. I want you to, for just a moment, consider what we are doing with the passage of LB 496. In my opinion, we would be more honest with the folks if we simply would adopt a resolution saying we think it is a good idea if everybody would wear seat belts and encourage everybody to do so and have it published in all the newspapers of the state because I think the end effect is going to be exactly the same. The simple fact of the matter is we are passing an unenforceable bill. I think we all know it. As I indicated earlier, when the red lights come on behind us, when the cop starts pulling us over, it is not going to be that difficult to fasten your seat belt. And most of us will fasten our seat belt rather than pay another \$25 fine, even if we may not have had it fastened beforehand, which many times won't be the case. Now that is true, unless you are driving one of our old pickups out home that have seat belts admittedly, but they are down under the seat somewhere with all the other junk that is in there. I can tell you that if we are so concerned about safety, maybe we ought to say to all those farm pickups out there, you had ought not carry tools, jacks, log chains, calf pullers, and a whole bunch of other