

federal government when it is the federal government requiring all of our constituents to wear these belts? We didn't tell them to work for the federal government, just like Stockman said he didn't tell you to be a farmer. Get on out of farming. Well, get on into that seat belt or face a \$25 fine just like every other citizen in this state will face. This whole bill, I told you, is not a straightforward, honest presentation of a safety issue. It is a political animal par excellence. What did they say, the unicorn has got the horn of something? The head of something else, the mane of something, then the rear end of some other animal, all these other animals mixed together and that is why it is mythical because you cannot put all of those parts together and produce a living viable creature. Animals of different species have closed genetic systems. That's why you can't cross an elephant with a frog. They have closed genetic systems. They won't accommodate each other. So what this bill is doing through legislation is attempting to do what nature cannot do in the biological universe and that's taking all these disparate elements and putting them together. Barnum and Bailey had to surgically alter a baby goat to make it look like a unicorn, had to subject that helpless little creature to pain and agony, had to disfigure it and make a freak of it for the fun and the taking of money from suckers. Now that's all right. That's capitalism. You can do anything in the name of capitalism. Maybe this is a form of capitalism too, where those who have the capital decide what is going to happen to everybody else. So while those decisions are being made, let us keep the federal government's employees buckled up. Why should a letter carrier not be compelled to get the benefits of all this safety that another farmer or rural person driving along that same road will receive by having to buckle up? Are the letter carriers a higher order of being? Are they in the human realm at the same level the unicorn is in the animal realm, something so different and distinct that it is treated differently than every other being walking on two feet, wearing shoe leather, described as a rational animal? I don't think so. So this amendment, and you ought to consider it, violates what the auto manufacturers' letter told us we could do. They didn't even tell us we could do this. We didn't even have their permission when we did this in the first place, or did we have their permission? Senator Morehead, may I ask you a question? I don't want to make a misstatement and have you come down on me with both feet. You knocked me out in round one, knocked me down, but