

Senator Vard Johnson has guests, 34 seventh grade students from St. Bernards School in Omaha with three teachers with them and they are in the south balcony, and in the north balcony Senator Abboud has guests, 48 fourth grade students from Blumfield School in Omaha with teachers including Betty Haas who is Senator Abboud's aunt and a senior-haired legislator as well as Tony Thompson. If you people will all stand, we'd like to welcome you to the Nebraska Legislature this morning. Next on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to return 496 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment is on page 1394. (Read Chambers amendment.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to start by asking Senator Morehead a question.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Morehead, you've won the first two rounds. We're coming to round three.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is the date by which two-thirds of the population have to be under mandatory seat belt laws?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: As you have indicated in your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: September 1, 1989. Thank you. I just wanted to be clear on that. Members of the Legislature, why must you rush to prostrate this state before the government even requires it? Pretend to have dignity for a couple more years. On 662 you put in a proposition that said you're going to tax people, but that won't take effect till 1987 I think. Now here is something that the government might have done to see just how much they can degrade these legislatures. We will give them till September 1, 1989, but I bet we can make lick spittles out of them a lot sooner than that. The conditioned response of the Legislature when the federal government pops the whip is to jump and scurry. The jumping and scurrying is starting in 1985 when the government does not require it until 1989. Put the stuff in