

voted for this it would be just tantamount to death politically. I am serious. It is one of those issues that somehow so much emotion happens to develop on both sides which gives me the purpose of what I would like to state. There isn't one of the 49 people in here, not one, not one of you who would disagree with the goal. The goal is saving lives. The goal is as noble as anything that you could want. It is saving lives. It is saving money and, apparently, there isn't one person who would deny that if everybody were buckled up every time they drove that the net effects statistically would be a saving of lives. I think there is enough evidence for that in other countries and here. So the goal is as noble as anything you are ever going to come up with. The method, the method is a government order to accomplish it, a government order that impacts directly on "a personal choice". Now is that appropriate? Obviously it is in some cases because we do it all the time. I guess the real question I get down to though is, isn't this maybe one of those issues that simple as it is goes directly, directly to the most fundamental thing that separates this country from the Russias or the whatever, and that is this, when we want to accomplish a noble goal,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...no matter what that noble goal is, we have a history of not using the government enforcement method, even though the other method, whether it is advertisements on TV, whether it is public awareness things, the method is a voluntary one and that is our history and I guess it frightens me that this fundamental, really fundamental thing is being overturned. Even though the goal is noble, it is being overturned and is just starting to keep setting those precedents of getting deeper and deeper into that same old thing of the government sanctioning or ordering or protecting us from ourselves. You have heard it time and time again. We just keep getting deeper and deeper. For that reason, I can't...I can't vote for the bill because I think the same purpose, even though it might cost five times as much to accomplish, should be accomplished in the method we have done it for a couple of hundred years or at least tried for the first couple of hundred years rather than the mandatory one. Now I have been voting against the amendments or not voting at all on a theory that they wanted to have a vote on the bill today...