

We proceed to the Final Reading. Under the rules, members are to be in your seats but, Mr. Clerk, what do you have on 496?

CLERK: Mr. President, the first motion I have on 496 is Senator Morehead's and I understand she wants to withdraw that, and in lieu thereof, offer an amendment offered by Senators Morehead, Schmit, and Labeledz. That is on page 2146.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President and colleagues, we are offering the amendment on page 2146 and I am going to relinquish my time to Senator Schmit who will explain this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Technically, we are still on Final Reading, members. You should be in your seats or nearby, and may we have order in the Chamber please. (Gavel.) The conversation level is rising a little bit. The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the amendment which is offered by myself and Senator Morehead and Senator Labeledz is actually a three part amendment. We have combined them all into a single amendment for purposes of expediency and I will ask Senator Labeledz to explain her portion of the amendment but I want to take at this time the opportunity to ask the members, I hope, to demonstrate some courtesy to the principal introducers of the bill, Senator Morehead and Senator Goll, because a portion of the amendment which really demanded the bill be brought back was an error on my part. I should have caught, during the original hearing on the bill, language which makes the bill constitutionally suspect. It says, in effect, that an automobile sold in Nebraska must have seat belts but one purchased in Iowa or in any of the adjoining states, for example, and driven in Nebraska would not have to have a seat belt. Now that would probably set very well with Senator Haberman, my good friend, but it doesn't set too well with the car dealers and it also, as I said, has a constitutional suspicion factor. We want to correct that error and I told Senator Morehead that I should take the responsibility for that because we should have caught it and I did not do so and, therefore, I am asking you to return