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lives, that is what you were told. And there was a pamphlet passed out and all of these facts were given to you that it does save lives. Now we find out as of May 14th, it does not save lives and it has not changed road deaths. Similarly, the traffic death toll rose in Denmark, Ireland, and Belgium after the mandatory seat belt laws were put into effect. After they were put into effect, they rose. Now why? Well, it goes on to say that mandatory seat belt laws may actually result in more accidents. Once a driver has a seat belt on, he feels more secure and is encouraged to take more risks. They go on to say that a traffic safety expert from England stated the evidence indicates that compulsory seat belt laws actually increase death and injury to pedestrians and bicyclists, people who ride bikes. Now I am bringing this to your attention merely for the fact that you were told one thing then, and the facts have shown that they do not do what the proponents of the bill says it will do. They will not save lives according to the same report that they were using to sell us on the idea of seat belts. I think it is important that you take this article, there is one in front of you, and read it because it is there. It doesn't save lives according to the same report. I wanted to bring this to the attention of the body, Mr. President, so that before we had voted on the Final Reading of this bill that they actually know the facts on seat belts. With that, I withdraw my motion to indefinitely postpone. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman is withdrawing his motion and we will go back to the bill. That finishes our Final Reading for the day and we will go to Select File. I have been asked to pass over LB 333 for the interest of people that are working on that bill, and LB 632. Ready for LB 632.

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, sir, I am sorry. 632, I have E & R amendments on the bill first of all.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I move the E & R amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Motion carried. The amendments are adopted.

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