

there were no seat belts that were placed in those added seats. In fact is there were no seat belts on the two seats that were in the van when he purchased it. Now can you answer me, if he were stopped and there were no seat belts buckled on those two front seats which had never had any seat belts since he had owned it, is he liable to the penalty that is permitted under this bill?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator, is it a new van or is it a used van?

SENATOR CARSTEN: It had 4,800 miles on it when he purchased it three years ago, four years ago.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, then I believe if it's a new van or recently manufactured van, Senator...

SENATOR CARSTEN: Well, it was a manufactured van, it was a van, but not finished inside as you know many of them aren't customized or whatever you call that.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The dealer is responsible for those seat belts, Senator. He is responsible for having those seat belts in the van. If he sells it without the seat belts, he is responsible.

SENATOR CARSTEN: But he won't be the guy that's driving the van when he is stopped that's supposed to have the seat belt buckled. Right?

SENATOR SCHMIT: You've got a good point, unless it's one like I bought from Senator Goll when I tried to get him to ride with me a few times, otherwise he wouldn't be along.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Well, I'm not kidding. I'm serious.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Because that is a situation and I couldn't answer the question and I'm only trying to find an answer so I can help him.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator, you know I just now was handed these 38 pages of rules and regs that deal with that section of the federal statute and I suppose it is dealt with it in there, but I can't give you the answer right now.