

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken as found on page 60 of the Legislative Journal.) 30 ayes, 5 nays on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, no, sir. I've got an amendment now offered by Senator Chambers to the bill. (Chambers amendment appears on page 60 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is an amendment which I think ought to be explained with a preparatory statement. The Governor and everybody who offered LB 1 talked about it being a one-page bill. My amendment is one sentence and it doesn't even take a complete line of paper. All it does is repeal LB 496 which was passed in the just completed session of the Legislature. 496, for those of you who may not remember, is the seat belt law. Whereas this matter that we have been talking about involves primarily people in Lincoln in terms of those who will actually be affected although it is an issue of statewide concern, my amendment literally deals with all people across this state. The bill was ill-advised, ill-conceived, ought not to have been passed by the Legislature and certainly should not have been signed by the Governor and I had been led to believe that he was not going to sign it. It has caused anguish and concern all over the state. I received a call from an individual representing a doctor, this person worked in the doctor's office, asking me where is the doctor to file this statement which exempts a person from wearing a seat belt? And I said, well, I didn't have that much to do with passing the bill. I opposed it all the way, but my understanding was that the person carries the statement with him or her when in the vehicle not wearing a belt. Senator Haberman may or may not bring something to your attention--okay, he's going to so I won't steal his thunder, and it is thunder so listen to him, listen to him. Although I don't usually say that, but nobody can be wrong all of the time, even if they try. Either late last night or early this morning there was a terrible accident in Omaha where a car went off the road, knocked down a power pole and ended on a chain link fence and the police officers at the scene said, this is one of those instances where the driver probably was better off in