

fooling yourselves all along. All they really want is a victory. They don't really want to save lives. They want victory. I think that is wrong, and I am here because I believe that this is the good middle ground of this issue. I believe it accomplishes partially the issue of saving lives and I think it is a good compromise. I urge the body to adopt it.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Scofield, followed by Senator Chambers, Vard Johnson and Morehead.

**SENATOR SCOFIELD:** Mr. President and members, I rise to also support this amendment. This is an amendment that I can justify and make sense and I think it is good government. And let me talk about what I think the central issue on this whole bill is, and that is, what is the proper role of government? How far is it appropriate that we go with regulating people's lives? We have a whole range of measures that people bring to us asking us to regulate one thing and another. Usually regulation means larger cost among other things, but I think it has another more important consideration than just purely cost, and that is, our fundamental obligation in this body to pass bills that not only serve the public interest but that also promote respect for law. And I would suggest to you that this kind of legislation does not accomplish that goal. Our purpose here is to pass bills which people will comply with. The seat belt bill is a perfect example of a piece of legislation that we passed that the public says we don't want to comply with this piece of legislation and we will use our alternatives to remove that bill from legislation. It is interesting to me to note that figures have been tossed out here that says, hey, how many people in the state support helmets but didn't support seat belts. I would suggest to you that that is because not as many people ride motorcycles but, philosophically, that is the same position. If you are going to be really pure on that philosophically, you should support both. In fact if I were the folks out there who are motorcyclists, I would immediately start looking at this and I would start going and talking to those folks who said we don't want government making the decision about wearing seat belts and I would suggest to them that this is a little foot in the door. If you are going to pass helmets, then if you want to let government make those kinds of decisions for anybody, pretty quick they are going to start making them in an area that affects you. So I think a good piece of legislation has to be something that the public says we are willing to comply with. If you don't pass something that people are willing to comply