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Senator Hartnett, Senator Redfield, myself. We carry legislation, hopefully, because we do believe in what we're doing, and so I will not apologize to that. I feel that I've brought this legislation for all of the right reasons, and I feel I'll try to convince all of you for all of the right reasons. I don't like to pick up the paper and read about 17-year-old youths dying because they didn't have their seat belts on. Now, if many of you can rationalize that that's infringing on your rights, you have to sleep at night. I can't. I won't. There are certain rights that we, as public policy makers, have to make to protect people. We can go back through a long laundry list of lawmakers before us who have made those public policy decisions. And is it any different, Senator Schellpeper, than when we...the constant fight that we had by outside interests against providing mammograms and insurance for women, who so badly needed to protect themselves? We sidestepped that issue for years rather than accepting it as public policy that we needed to mandate it. I refuse to back away from that responsibility and I will lay a guilt trip on you. I will make you feel as bad as I possibly can about the deaths that are lost on that highway and that when we pick up the paper tomorrow morning that I have to read about one more death of somebody who wasn't wearing a seat belt. I ask you to please advance LB 356 to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have items for the record. Your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 92, (LB) 134, (LB) 163, (LB) 163A, (LB) 253, (LB) 369 as correctly engrossed. I have hearing notices from the Judiciary Committee. Government Committee reports (LB) 158, (LB) 266, (LB) 279 indefinitely postponed. Agriculture reports (LB) 404 to General File with amendments. Senator Lynch would like to print amendments to (LB) 27; Senator Wickersham to (LB) 539.

And, Mr. President, I also have...Senator Wickersham, amendments to (LB) 539. A motion to withdraw LB 783, by Senator Brown, and along with accompanying suspension motion. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (See pages 706-710 of the Legislative Journal.)