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495 children age five through nine who were killed in 1999, 55 percent of those children were not, were not restrained; more than half were not restrained. Thirty-three percent, apparently, were actually restrained in a seat belt, but my question would be is, by my math, and I'm not a mathematician, that leaves another 12 percent out there that we don't know, were they in a booster seat, were they in some kind of a child safety seat. And then another question that arises with that is when you look at statistics of this sort, how can we be assured, how can we be guaranteed that if they were in a booster seat that they wouldn't be a part of those fatalities? Again, just coming around full circle, I stand to support Senator Bromm's floor amendment, FA914, and I would urge you to do the same. Because I do believe that we all have, at the heart of this matter, is that we wish to provide for our children's safety and for the safety of children in the state of Nebraska. But I think we can disagree on how we go about in providing for that safety. And I think Senator Bromm's amendment is a good compromise. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Quandahl. Senator Thompson, on the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I oppose the amendment. And I know Senator Bromm is saying, well, you get two-thirds of the bill and I should feel pretty good about that if...if it goes forward, but...but it does break faith for me with the people who work daily in this area who brought this to us. Several senators attended, or some and some of their aides, a meeting this fall where we discussed this problem with the law. The problem remains. The problem remains, if you take this section out, that we have children who weigh too little and are too short, that are required to be in an adult safety restraint. And the parents think that that's what the law is and, therefore, they're more likely to abide by that, and it's a dangerous situation. I know we don't like to tell people what to do, and Senator Bromm says we shouldn't be telling parents what to do. But if we...if we carry that out, most of the laws that we make in the state are telling people what to do. And they're done because we have a public policy responsibility to make sure what we enact in statute is safe.