

Committee. This bill would require children under the age of three to wear restraints in motor vehicles, private. I can understand the purpose of the bill if it is to try to ensure safety for the child, but I don't think safety standards should be legislated to parents or drivers. My son is only nine months old and I take him with me every time I can and I use the car seat. He is the most important thing in the world to me and I consider it my personal responsibility to guarantee his health and safety. I don't want him strapped in like a test dummy for three years and not be able to play in the car, move around and observe things from the front and back. I also don't want to tell him that the state, as they say in Russia, instead of his father has taken the right of judgment away and has set the rules for a private citizen in his own privately owned vehicle. There is so much government interference through massive state and federal rules and regulations in our country today that it is becoming unbearable. The Legislature will be taking away a citizen's freedom with this bill in the name of the common good. I am one of those common people and I don't think it is so good for me or my son. If successful, another Senator can follow this bill and take away another right in the name of the common good. Most of us in Nebraska can't attend hearings or stay informed, or be aware of legislation that affects us personally when over 500 bills are introduced. This is the only way I can voice my opinion and seek your help. I believe that the safety of our children is most important, but it is sometimes I, as a father, wants to do for my own son because I love him and not because the state orders it. Our police officers and patrolmen have more important things to do than to ticket us parents for failure to restrain our children. You tax my property and income and collect sales tax. State agencies regulate my commercial and social activities. With those responsibilities, I have this to state, don't take away my opportunity to guarantee the safety of my son. I wonder how many Senators would obey the law that said seat belts are mandatory for all persons in a vehicle in Nebraska. It is commendable to try to ensure the safety of our children, but I don't think you should force it upon the people of this state. Public service announcements could be used as reminders. Please vote against LB 69. Thank you. Michael Dishman". I have here before me a pamphlet put out by the Civil Aeronautics Board, and in the Civil Aeronautics Board it says, "People wonder why they can't use child seat belts or child seats in airlines, and simply put that these seats