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Where are they even going to put the third one in that carrier? So they are going to be subject to arrest. No, I say it is a good idea, let's educate these people in the prenatal courses. Let's start the program there. I understand many hospitals now loan parents car seats to take their child home in, and they can return them if they wish.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now the Chair has about 19 names on the list up here. We are going to try to be fair to everybody. If somebody gets in first, ahead of where they should be, why then you will have to blame me for it. Senator Cope, do you wish to speak to the kill motion? We are now talking about the kill motion.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I certainly do wish to. I oppose the kill motion wholeheartedly. The arguments that my good friend, Senator Haberman, made, they have a point, but let me ask ... I won't ask him because I want all the time I have. But suppose that someone wrote to him and said, why don't you introduce a bill to take the speed limit off entirely? You are infringing upon my rights as a citizen. know how to drive a car. I know how fast I want to go and don't do anything about it. I wonder if he would give the same argument to kill that. Now this argument about taking away citizens' freedoms I think is overdone. I would like to use the same argument I used in the Public Health and Welfare Committee when I introduced a bill mandating smoke detectors, and from a big point from the point of an infant, of a child, these children whether it be smoke detectors or seat belts, have no choice as to whether...they didn't have a chance to make the decision on their own. All right, the parent is responsible. If the parent doesn't do that, I think it is our right to take away this so-called in the name of common good. The parent in the case of seat belts has the privilege of playing Russian roulette, they can wear them or not wear them, they are there. I think it is foolish. Personally, I wear seat belts. I think it is a safety measure I can't afford not to use. But that is neither here nor there. The child below three years old doesn't have that privilege. I don't believe the age of the child that we are setting the limit makes a lot of difference. I truly believe that if parents in three