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some of those letters and I don't support that sentiment at all. But there are some other problems with this bill. For instance, although I believe there is going to be an amendment offered on this, but I am thinking of many of the young families in the rural areas. I am thinking of a mother that has maybe a child that is two months old, another one maybe two years old, and then another one not quite four. These farm mothers do not have the convenience of babysitters when they go to work so they take the children with them and they do help their husbands in the fields, run errands. Can you imagine the difficulty of a young mother putting three such children in this type of restraint every time that she runs down the road to the field, maybe run an errand for her husband? Many of these young people on the farms have only a pickup for a means of conveyance. They don't ever have a car. They use a pickup for their regular business, and to provide safety restraints of that type in a pickup for mother and father and several small children, I do not believe is practical. I do support the idea that we need to encourage people to put their children in restraints whenever possible, but I think there are too many problems in this bill, and I would support Senator Haberman's motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark, did you wish to speak to the kill motion?

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members, I am not going to give Shirley any accolades like Senator Haberman did, you know, he said, you are a beautiful lady and all this and then I am going to cut your heart out. I am not going to do that. But I am against the bill for several reasons, not because Shirley isn't a fine lady. In the first place, to classify a misdemeanor, I don't know what that applies to, whether that is one if you have four kids and you have four of them in there that do not have restraining belts, are those separate offenses? It doesn't say one way or the other. You could have three or four children come to your house for a birthday party delivered by their mothers in restrainers and you have to take the kids home and you don't have the restrainers, I suppose this is another bad thing. Another thing is, this is only against Nebraskans, it has nothing to do with anyone else. It is another regulation, and if you don't think the people are sick of being regulated, go out and talk to them. You can regulate anything you want and any Senator that can find something that isn't regulated