

seems to be elated that they have something they can finally regulate. I just will not vote for things that are going to regulate people unless it is in the public interest entirely. I really don't think this is. As far as speed is concerned, many states, Senator Cope, used to have speed limit laws that said, safe and reasonable. The reason they changed those is because the federal government said, 55 miles an hour. But it was a safe and reasonable speed at that time. You could do 70 or 75 or 80 if it was safe and reasonable if any officer thought it was. This bill was heard last year and I was in the committee when it was heard, and we killed that bill in committee only because it is a regulating bill, and I will not vote to regulate people. I think they are sick of it and the letter that Senator Haberman brought out certainly expresses a lot of thoughts from a lot of people, and I was talking on a radio last weekend at home and had that same thing brought up to me, how far are you going to go to regulate? So I would vote to indefinitely postpone it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan. Senator Cullan, do you wish to speak to the kill motion?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, Mr. President, I do. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Marsh has had this bill before the Legislature now for three years. Last year a very conservative Public Health and Welfare Committee advanced this proposal to the floor of the Legislature and they advanced this to the floor of the Legislature again. I wish that many members of the Legislature had the opportunity to attend the public hearing and see what I thought was one of the most organized and one of the most excellent and informative presentations that I have had the opportunity to observe as a committee member in the last four years. Senator Marsh convinced me in a very convincing fashion that these devices save lives. Senator Marsh also convinced me that this is not a burdensome or costly regulation and that it is, in fact, a workable proposal that can do something to protect some of the citizens of the State of Nebraska who are least able to protect themselves. I am one of the most perhaps antiregulation members of the Legislature. I opposed the motorcycle helmet law when that proposal was before the Public Health...or Public Works Committee previously. I don't believe that the Legislature should force people who are old enough and competent to make decisions about their own safety. I would oppose mandatory seat belts