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of the bill. Do you wish to speak to that motion?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Fellow legislators, I will just take a few minutes. Let's stop...let's stop and let's see what we have done. Let's see what we have done. We have excluded pickups, so those children can be killed. We are not going to have them in seats. We have excluded little children with tourists. They can be killed. They don't have to have the seats. We have excluded the motorcycles. The little children that ride on the front of the motorcycles with their mother or their father, they can be killed. They don't have to have the seats. We have removed the penalty clause, now you get a ticket like a parking ticket. Doesn't even make it a crime if you don't have the seat. So what do we have here? We have a piece of legislation that the people of the State of Nebraska are going to say, what are you legislators doing down there? You pass a bill. You make all these exclusions. You exclude this and you exclude that. When you get through with a bill, it doesn't mean anything. Why did you pass it? So I am going to ask that you vote no on the advancement of LB 69. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labedz. We have Senator Labedz, and then Senator DeCamp and then Senator Cope, and then Senator Maresh.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I, too, will be very brief. When Senator Marsh stood up and spoke in favor of advancing the bill, she mentioned the fact that we are killing our kids and I agree with her one hundred percent. I agree with her that we are killing our kids whether they are born or unborn. The children do have rights and a right to be protected from bodily harm and just as I so often have said on this floor, the child whether born or unborn has the right for protection under the law. Yesterday we received an opinion from the Grand Island newspaper and it mentioned the fact and it was sent out by Senator Marsh, as for personal rights, bif, that's all poppycock. It is government's job to protect all of us when we need protection. Now we are not saying here that it is either a moral or a religious issue or whether a parent has the right over a child, or does have...or a child has rights over a parent. The article goes on to say, and while some might argue