

to have protective inoculations. Your child cannot make that decision, but the state has a financial interest in seeing that this type of legislation is enacted. The state bears the responsibility when a child is permanently disabled. The state bears the responsibility when a child has mental retardation as the result of an automobile accident or cerebral palsy, or one of the other very serious physical effects of automobile accidents. Yes, we have done some good simply talking about it on this legislative floor because it has informed more parents. Yes, we have done some good informing grandparents, but the effect of having a state law to back up that safety measure is something which is within your power to do something this day. I urge your support to advance LB 69. Put us with the 23 other states which this year are moving in that direction. Let us be number 3 if we move it today.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Nebraska Unicameral, it looks like this might be turning into whoever wins the paper war compared of all the papers being passed around. But I must say that Shirley has an advantage over me because she has a gremlin working for her as here is some five-page thing that was passed around and we don't know who passed it around, so I'd say she has got somebody working for her that I don't have. Shirley talks about saving childrens' lives and grandchildren, and that's true, I believe this because I have a grandchild, and she said speaking about it on the floor has helped. It sure has, and that proves that we should do it through education not through legislation. The State Patrol informed me that this is nearly impossible to enforce this law. The County Sheriffs' Association, they laughed and said, it is impossible to enforce this law. So why should we pass a law that we can't enforce? If you will look through the literature that has been passed out, you will find some letters from some mothers here in Lincoln and one of them said, if we feel so strongly about protecting our children that we want the government to force us to do certain things, then it seems only right that the government also penalizes those children who cause harm to their children through bad habits, such as drugs, smoking, diet. Where should it end? Now I take two walks daily and I go by a junior highschool and I see these young people in this junior highschool across the street smoking. Nothing happens.