

to come into play where you actually get involved with a policeman on the matter is when there has been an accident and it is clear that the law was violated. But overall, overall, the law's existence is going to induce the vast majority of people in the particular category to have these particular restraints. With that kind of law I think you can reasonably say that government is not going in too far. They are using the minimal solution necessary to address a problem where kids are getting killed. And on that basis and in the structure the law is now, I think it is reasonable to support.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I stand to support the bill as it is written at the present time. I feel with the modification of the penalties that we can live with it, and I do feel that this is an educational process and I would like to read to you an excerpt from a letter that I received from one of my constituents: "If a law was passed, the public would be aware of the dangers of allowing a child to ride unprotected sooner. The publicity would teach the parents and every organization would want to get on the bandwagon to educate parents. We have done lots of work in the field talking to prenatal classes, womens' clubs and so forth, but we have merely scratched the surface. This law, when passed, can be considered an educational document backed up by legislative teeth." One objection I have heard is that the child restraint systems are too expensive. I answer that question this way. \$20 for an infant carrier or \$40 for a larger device for the toddler is a minor expense compared to the cost of an automobile and gasoline and air conditioning or car radio. Certainly the protection of the child should be priority. I do support this bill because we could save the State of Nebraska many, many dollars. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have to correct a comment that Senator Haberman made. My interest, Senator Haberman, is in all people who have problems. You handed around an article dealing with a shoplifting bill and I am quoted as saying...this is a direct quote from the article: "Chambers took issue with the proposed penalty that would require jail time if a \$250 fine could not be paid.