

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to have you turn to page 253. These, I believe, are the compromise amendments which will move LB 69. On page 2, after line 10, insert, "or using an existing seat safety belt for children over age one." Sometime a grandparent may not have the seat restraint right there but when that child could be more safely in a seat belt when a child is over age one, that will help with the compromise of moving LB 69. And in the second DeCamp amendment on page 431 of the 1981 Journal insert, "The fine for such infraction shall be waived upon the person convicted of violating Section 1 of this act acquiring and proving to the court that he or she has purchased or acquired an approved child passenger restraint system." I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on the Marsh amendment to LB 69? If not all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted on the Marsh amendment? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to adopt the Marsh amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. Senator Marsh, on the bill.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you very much. Members of the Legislature, we have a very special opportunity this morning. You are aware because of the information I have continued to send to you about the increase in the number of deaths of children in the State of Nebraska. If you have any questions or want to look at any of the supporting material I urge you to turn around and look at my desk. This is just some of the supporting evidence about the safety of child seat restraints, about the ability to safeguard the lives of those who are not able to make a decision for themselves regarding the use of proper restraints. When I started talking about safety restraints for children there was only one other state which had passed legislation in this field. I had hoped Nebraska might be one of the leaders and be state two but state two was not Nebraska, nor state three, nor four, nor five, nor six, nor seven, nor eight. There are twenty-five states last year who considered this legislation, some of which is still pending and additional states which have already introduced the legislation in the new 1982 legislative session, some