

enforce and more laws with no teeth in them that the enforcement agencies will not pick anyone up anyway. It is kind of hard to prove whether a child is nine months old or a year or a little past. I received several letters against the restraining seats. They say they are just trying to force some more legislation down our throats. I have talked to a few people who have restraining seats. One was my daughter and she said, "Dad, they are good. They do save lives." But she said, "Please don't force us to sometimes have to have our child in restraining seats." With that I kind of wish you would think twice before you pass legislation for a law that has very little teeth in it and perhaps will make us on other laws disrespectful toward them. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh.

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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh, you are closing now.

SENATOR MARSH: Yes. I am very pleased to respond to one of your comments. Since the purpose of trying to safeguard children is to see that more children are in seat restraints or other proper seat procedures, the history, and unfortunately it is history since we were not state number two, but the history of the number of children in a state with no legislation is that less than 10% are in seat restraints or in seat belts. Then a state would pass legislation, numerically that number has jumped up into the 30s, 34 in one state, 37 in another state of the number of children in proper seat restraints. That is not 100% and I'm the first to admit it but it is a tool to help safeguard children. Most parents want to obey a state law. We don't have enough police officers to go through and look in every car nor is that the purpose. It is a teaching tool, Senator VonMinden, a tool to help parents to do a good job. It is not a perfect answer but it is a step in the right direction to help protect children. I am wearing a little lapel button which was presented to me as a senator who had been very concerned with children's legislation and children's issues. It is a picture of a family, a family surrounded by love. You remember when I passed out the material on the floor about the horrible after accident feelings of parents and grandparents whose children were injured in an accident, all who died. Then it is too late but by passage of this piece of legislation we can help lessen that dramatic impact on the citizens of our state. It won't work 100% but it will increase the number of children