

for Julie Broadstone and he emphasized the need for adopting this amendment. Do as you will. I feel morally obligated to offer this amendment on the floor of the Legislature. It is tough enough to lose a child, but when it could have been avoided, that is even more difficult for parents. I urge your adoption of this second amendment so that children being transported by day care centers would have that extra requirement for the safety of the child.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol, do you want to talk on the amendment?

SENATOR NICHOL: Just briefly. I can't get emotional about this even though I like children as much as anybody and I like to have them safe, but to give the Department of Public Welfare this much power, I can't see it. Now if they want to abide by the law like anybody else or if the Department of Public Welfare wants to have power to do this, then perhaps we should give them power to do it for me or anybody else. I just hesitate to give the Department of Public Welfare that much power and that excuse, if they want to use it, for revoking someone's license. They say they can revoke their license because they don't do this, and I don't think they should have that much power.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh, do you wish to close?

SENATOR MARSH: I would like to quote from the Omaha Children's Clinic letter which was signed by a Dr. Gary Lerner. "The American Academy of Pediatrics has been a strong national advocate for child safety for many years. As part of their 'Speak Up For Children' campaign now in its third year, they have influenced several states to legislate that children be protected." Nebraska presently has no such law. The local chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics has been pressing over a year now for its enactment. I urge your adoption of this amendment to LB 69 so that children, and this is a very special category, being transported by day care center would make use of the seat belts which are already installed in vehicles. No additional cost. There are funds available for the request by the Department of Welfare specifically to be used only for seat belts in vehicles which do not have seat belts and that means they are pretty old or a child restraint seat, if it is for an infant. I urge your adoption of this amendment. If you would like to read Julie Broadstone's parents' letter, I have it on my desk and would be very pleased to share it with you. It is a very moving letter.

SENATOR CLARK: Are you done, Senator Marsh?