

vehicle related injuries and that was in 1980 to 1985. And I would just like to go ahead and just mention a letter, a portion of a letter from a Dr. Paul Esposito who deals in pediatric surgery and so forth, and he says this. "I have seen many cases where severe head, face, chest, and skeletal injuries have been sustained by children that would have otherwise meant, at worse, just a bruise. I can only tell you that in my years of practice, I have never seen a child with a lethal injury who was in a child restraint, nor have I seen a child in the emergency room who has had more than isolated extremity injuries when involved in a motor vehicle accident if that child had been in one of the child restraint systems. I have see children, however, who were injured while wearing the adult type of seat belt, which are, obviously, not fabricated or designed for children. Thus I think LB 958 is a first step in educating parents about the dangers inherent to not utilizing appropriate restraints or using only adult restraints. I strongly endorse 958 and I feel from a very educated and informed position, it has been devastating for me every time I have to see a child who has been flung from his parent's arms in the front seat directly into the windshield, sustaining lifelong injuries. It is tragic that such a simple device as a child seat could easily save these children from painful crippling muscular skeletal injuries and, even worse, from head and spinal injuries that literally snuff out the vitality and joy of a normal life. It is my hope that you will strongly support LB 958 and consider that this issue transcends any political concerns as it deals with our most precious joy and resource, and that is our children." I don't know if I need to read the 65 organizations statewide, the Nebraska PTA endorses this. All the medical people endorse it. The Board of County Commissioners of many, many counties in the state, I hesitate to take that time because I guess I believe that perhaps what we have already given you will just give you that added thrust to vote 958 onto Select File.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BECK: I think, too, that I have passed out some materials for you twice now. I hope that you will look through that material and be encouraged to vote green today in order that our children will be kept safer, and so I thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Beck. And the gavel was by no means meant to speed up your opening but to remind our