

we'll do all these bad things. I'm getting to the point now where I'm almost willing to say, go ahead, do it, you call their bluff. You know, let them do it. The way it works now is that they come down with a mandate, then the Legislature caves in, and usually passes restrictions more restrictive than the federal government, and then we also have to administer it, and we take the guff from all the people that are affected. They say, that terrible Legislature did that to us, and so we're stuck with it, that system, when the fact of the matter is the federal government is doing it, and maybe for good purpose. I'm not saying it's not for good purpose. We need to protect our water, but I just don't like the way it comes about. And it's not just this issue, it's highway money. You know, now we've got to pass a seatbelt bill, or they're going to take away some of our highway money. And we've got to have speed limits, or they'll remove our highway money. Or we've got to do certain things in regard to Medicaid, and...or else funds are going to be taken away. I guess my frustration is showing at this point that it's time for the states to say, okay, federal government, let's abolish the State Legislature, and let's...let's...let's just let the federal government run it. Now I know that's not practical. Now my friend, Senator Hefner, a moment ago said we need to keep control of this program. Well, the fact of the matter is we don't have control after we pass the bill. We do not have control, the federal government still has control. Now he passed me this neat little note, who pushed for the commercial drivers license, and who was Chairman of the Transportation Committee at that time? Now his point is well taken. I did it because they said they were going to take away federal funds for highways. Maybe I was mistaken. See, I made an error. They say if you repent for your sins you're forgiven. (Laughter.) But I think it's a good example of what we're doing. Now we need to take into consideration what the federal government says, no doubt about it, no doubt about it. But I guess I just have...I'm getting more and more of a problem of just rolling over, playing dead, and then going beyond what the federal government says, and then this Legislature taking all the criticism from the people for doing these things, which in many cases are unreasonable, are unreasonable and should not be done. So I know the amendment is going to pass and the bill is going to pass, but I don't think I'm going to vote for it. You know you can't afford not to vote for it because then you're branded as, oh, you want to contaminate the water. Oh, you are a terrible person.