

shall be cited for only one violation each time the vehicle is stopped regardless of the number of people in violation. Let's say you have a car of four. The car is stopped and that the two people in the front seat are not wearing their seat belts or safety protection devices, as Senator Horgan will probably correct me soon, and that there would only be one violation or one ticket issued. That would go to the operator. The operator, as with many of our laws, is responsible for the occupants of the vehicle, and the committee felt that this should be subject to only one violation, that you shouldn't have multiple violations for the stop. Also, we make a fourth change and that is to add a new Section 12, which establishes a different operative date, and that is an operative date of January 1, 1993. So it would not come into effect this year. Those are the four major changes made by the committee. I would be happy to answer any questions on why the committee made the changes that they made. As for the policy considerations, Senator Horgan, I would yield you the rest of the time if you would like to give the body an overview and an opportunity. With that, I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments and I would yield the remainder of my time to Senator Horgan.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Thank you. I would rise in support of the committee amendments, a little bit hesitantly, but nonetheless rise in support of the committee amendments. Initially, the bill was a stricter bill, stricter than the bill we had in 1985 that was enacted by this Legislature, and the committee saw fit, with my support, to amend the bill back to where we were in 1985, and that is to make it a secondary offense, not a primary offense, which as Senator Kristensen said means that you cannot be stopped for not wearing your safety belt. Originally the bill incorporated all passengers in the car would have to be belted. The committee amendments say that only front seat passengers have to be belted. I think it is important to note that only as the car is equipped. In Nebraska, you can have more than three people in the front seat of an automobile. So if you had four people in the front seat, three of them had seat belts on and the fourth one did not, you would be within the law at that point because the bill only requires as the automobile is equipped that you wear the seat belts. As amended, it is only the front seat passengers, and as Senator Kristensen said, the bill has an enactment date of 1993, which is as we get into the debate on