

intoxicated, who couldn't have fastened the seat belt if they wanted to. Many of them were. Many of them were. You know we don't come down so hard on people who drive while intoxicated as we are on the seat belt people. They don't prosecute them. They lower the charges. They do hundreds of things to get away from people who drive while intoxicated. I have a couple of newspaper clippings here, one, March, the 15th, two women died in a single car roll-over accident. Both women were wearing seat belts but they were still ejected from the car. Didn't do them any good. I have another article about Sidney, Nebraska, driver of a semitruck wearing a seat belt but he was killed anyway. So I don't see how people can stand up here and be so righteous as to say a seat belt is going to save your life or many, many lives, and they completely ignore or forget those who were killed and had their seat belts on. They say 10 percent of the people killed lost their lives and they had seat belts on. Well, that is a pretty healthy percent. Thirty-two percent of the people wear seat belts, they claim. That is pretty good. So why are we going to penalize the other percent because they don't choose to wear seat belts. That is their individual choice. And then they brought the money into it, the highway money. We are going to lose highway construction funds. They are going to take the money and use it for education. What is wrong with that, to educate people to use their seat belts. There is nothing wrong with that. Not a thing wrong with that, but there is some people who insist that government is going to tell people what to do, and the people don't want government telling them what to do. So I question their sincerity very, very much on two issues, number one, don't have them in school buses...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Is that all? I am through, huh? Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise to support this bill. I know that sometimes it isn't the most popular decision but I want to tell you why I support this bill. Thirty-two percent of Nebraskans, or approximately 32 percent of Nebraskans wear their seat belts, and yet in the states where they do have a law requiring them to wear seat belts, it goes up to as high as 80 percent I believe. I am in Iowa quite a little. We have a business in Sioux City, Iowa, and so I am