

because of accidents. The severity of those injuries increases because they do not have the seat belt restraints on. I think there are many, many reasons just on the basis of safety and good social policy that we ought to be supporting this legislation, and I would encourage you to do so.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, I guess we all look for various reasons why we should support something or oppose something. If we are looking for a crutch, I think we have it here. For a long time I said I would not support this issue. The feds come down and say you will do this or we withhold so many dollars. They do this in many programs. As Senator Lamb pointed out, we have it in FIFRA, we have it in many programs. They hold the hammer over your head. If you are looking for a reason to support it, I guess this is one of the reasons. But I think there's some other reasons also. If you look for the simple reason that if it saves one life, how many people in here would not buckle up to save one life, if you knew it was going to happen. Well, statistics show this does happen. So I guess you have to use your own conscience, and it doesn't take much mind-searching to come up with the solution that it does save lives, and if you need a crutch, use the crutch, but I think if you search your mind, you won't need that crutch. I urge your support. Thank you.

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

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, we just heard someone say if it saves one life it is a good bill, just saves one life. Well, if someone isn't interested enough in saving their own life that they don't have to fasten their seat belt, why should they do it because the government tells them to do it. That doesn't add up to four. Here the government says, you shall wear a seat belt, it is going to save your life. And I am going to say, well, it is my life. If I want to wear a seat belt, that is my decision, not the government's. And an insurance law was mentioned, and it was mentioned that we passed a law that you must have insurance, and then it was said in the next breath a lot of people don't have insurance because the law isn't enforced. The law is not enforced. So we could say that the automobile seat belt law and the insurance law could be do-gooders' bills. We passed a law you shall do this or you shan't do that, do-gooders. Why not