

their destination, their van was struck by a drunk driver and knocked from the road down an embankment. Four boys died in that accident including our son, David Michael Hoover. They were Creighton University sophomore students majoring in a variety of subjects and destined to be productive members of society. Our son, for instance, planned to attend medical school, and upon graduation, enter the priesthood and become a Jesuit priest. He thought he could best serve mankind by combining those two vocations. Sadly, these young men and all their potential are lost forever. If you have never lost a child, you cannot know how much it hurts, and although it has been ten years since Dave died, it seems like it was just yesterday. If only there had been a seat belt law in place at the time, we could rest a little easier knowing that at least we had done all we could to prevent their needless deaths." We, here in this Legislature this session, have an opportunity to do all we can to help prevent some needless deaths. We have had before us a drunk driving bill and a seat belt bill, and I believe that as we look at the statistics and we hear the stories and we want to offer and make our highways the safest possible for all of us, but especially we know that sometimes young people in those early years of driving, or oftentimes in instances like this, it is important that we make our highways safe, and I urge you to support this bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Schimek, you are next.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, I'd like to call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate, have you all voted? Have you all voted? We are voting on ceasing debate. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. I will go to Senator Horgan to close on the advancement of LB 958.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I think we've addressed the issue somewhat thoroughly and certainly would encourage you to advance the bill onto Select File. A couple of things need to be reinforced, and that is beyond the