

say, well, I suspected him of doing something. He doesn't have to do anything. They just say, I...they see you without a belt, they say, oh, I suspected that that person probably had an expired driver's license, that's why I stopped them. So you find out there's no underlying offense but he suspected it so they give you the fine for being without the safety belt. This bill, as it's drafted, is a hoax. I'm not saying Senator Horgan is a hoaxer, I'm saying the bill, itself, is a hoax and I support Senator Lamb's amendment and there is another point I want to make so I will turn on my light.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The next speaker is Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Senator Conway, and members, I would rise in opposition, obviously, to Senator Lamb's amendment. And I have handed out to you for your desks some information sheets that I think you ought to look at. And it shows you from 1983 to 1990 urban versus rural deaths in Nebraska, fatal crashes, passenger vehicles. And if you look at those, I think it's pretty striking. And if you flip the sheet over, you can see 1983 there were 20 urban deaths in Nebraska, 140 rural deaths in Nebraska. Keep on going down there, 1990, 33 urban deaths, 155 rural deaths. There's no compelling argument that we ought to be exempting those people who are most at risk. I have a letter from the Department of Motor Vehicles which I think has been handed out to you too that says pickup trucks make up 16.5 percent of the registered vehicle population. Farm licensed plated vehicle deaths are over represented in the total pickup truck class. Safety restraint use of pickup drivers and passengers is significantly lower than for all other types of passenger vehicles, excluding larger straight trucks. Our observation survey personnel indicates that usage rates for drivers of these vehicles is less than half observed for passenger vehicles. With 16.5 percent of the registered vehicles in the state, pickup trucks constitute 22 percent of the deaths. It's disproportionately high. There's a court case back when Nebraska in 1980 had a motor vehicle inspection law and they tried to do some exemptions of motor vehicles, certain types of motor vehicles, and the court said, the court finds, as amended by the 1980 Legislature, the law is unconstitutional and void in that it contains classifications and exemptions which are unreasonable, arbitrary and unrelated to public interest. And that's what Senator Lamb's amendment is. The court went on to say that the question before the court is to decide whether