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SENATOR HORGAN: No, my con...the overriding concern is safety and recognizing the political reality of what's possible, I agreed to accept amendments that were not to my liking.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then you agreed to compromise safety for purposes of political expediency? That might be a blunt way to say it but isn't that really what you're saying?

SENATOR HORGAN: It is, yes, that's true.

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you feel comfortable in that position?

SENATOR HORGAN: When I...when I recognize the number of people who will be saved and not injured when Nebraska enacts a safety belt law with front seat passengers, compared to the death and carnage and injury that will occur if we don't, yes, I'm willing to compromise.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If Senator Kristensen is Fred Astaire and dancing around a direct answer, you, my friend, are Gene Kelly. I'll turn my light on again.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, your light is the next light.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me...oh, Mr. Chair and members of the Legislature, let me tell you what I'm getting at. So much is made of this bill in terms of safety but I went through that to show that safety is not the primary consideration. People in the backseat, if the government is going to be intrusive and insist on protecting people, whether they want to be protected or not, they are entitled to the same kind of intrusive, heavy-handed protection from the government as people riding in the front seat. Senator Horgan, I have another question to ask you along the same line. If a child who is old enough to drive legally is driving his father and his father is in the front seat and not wearing a seat belt, who gets the ticket?

SENATOR HORGAN: The driver of the automobile.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can the child compel his father to wear a