

down the road at 15 miles an hour is a pretty safe vehicle and I would contend that perhaps Senator Lamb is right. There's going to come a point in time, Senator Horgan, when first of all, we are going to build up automatically because it's the thing to do. And I think the farmers will do that also, but because of the avoidance of harassment, and I have been stopped over the years in other states that require the wearing of seat belts, I've been stopped and given a ticket for not having on a seat belt. I don't want it to happen here. I think that we ought to recognize that Senator Lamb has a decent amendment. Senator Elroy Hefner is in order to ask for it and I am not going to just stand here and be cowed by the information you have given me that the school bus is the safest vehicle on the road. I beg to differ and I've seen many of them and they are going to be traveling our roads with increasing frequency. They are going to get larger. They are going to travel farther. My grandchildren have been in communities in Nebraska that I've not been in. Two or three times a week the buses are on the road and they travel all hours of the day and night and they carry small children...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...middle-sized children, large children. It would seem to me if you're going to stand here and ask that an old farmer like myself or Senator Lamb be belted in, we ought to be most interested in our children. I remember when Senator Shirley Marsh argued very effectively about the child restraint seats and we all sort of laughed at Senator Marsh. The facts are today I see little children, as someone says and Senator Crosby is right, coming home from the hospital in their seat belt and having raised that family of mine, I wished there had been a mandatory requirement when my children were growing up, but I think Senator Lamb has a reasonable amendment. If you're going to exempt someone, exempt someone the way Senator Lamb wanted to do it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBOD: Question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. 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? Record, Mr. Clerk.