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swerving. It could be many things. Those things will all still be there. Now if an officer is willing to testify under oath that he observed an occupant clearly not wearing a seat belt, then that would be probable cause. Senator Schmitt says that's hard to tell, that's hard to determine if they are wearing a seat belt. They might have it under their arm. Well, then, there is a question about probable cause. That's for the court to determine, was there probable cause or not. We are not taking away the requirement that for an officer, whether it be State Patrol, city, sheriff, whatever, they must have probable cause to stop a vehicle. I suggest to you to not be sidetracked by those that would say that this is going to...that the harm that this is going to do outweighs the good that it is going...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...to do. I just, when you look at the statistics, and I've got many more than probably you want to see, and I'll be glad to share them with anyone. I've got a copy here at my desk. The evidence is overwhelming that we will save Nebraskans' lives if we do this. Will there be glitches in the road? Will there be some indiscretion? I am sure there will be. No system is perfect, but the good that will come from it far outweighs the concerns. And I am...I feel better about it when I read the study that Senator Byars has presented to us that says some of the biggest benefactors of this will be the minorities, who hopefully will be encouraged to buckle up and save their lives, and that is...that, to me, is above all the other considerations. So please give it your...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...deepest consideration and do not vote for the IPP motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Very quickly, and thank you, Senator Bromm, for talking about the legal side, I think some other lawyers I would hope would talk about, and maybe if you talk the next time or Senator Chambers can help me on primary offense. As I understand it now, if