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have an obligation to deal with. There are many of you that I know that have...have established a position that you don't want to take away individual freedoms from the individuals in this state; they should have the right to choose. I respect that. I support that position. But I found in my research that this is no longer an issue where we, as public policymakers, can hide behind that argument. Every estimate that we find is that the not wearing of seat belts in this state is an extremely expensive proposition for all of us. I have passed out information that I hope you look at very carefully, because every estimate that we can get from people who are not buckled up and who the state of Nebraska or through private insurance we have to pay the bills, and that means every single one of us through our insurance policies, is that we're talking about approximately a \$32 million a year cost to us, as Nebraskans. Now, if we were dealing with any other issue on this floor, many of you who are not in support of this legislation would jump up and down ferociously arguing that we had to do something to save \$32 million in this state. But, yet, I'm not able to convince you that by increasing awareness, by requiring mandatory covered...mandatory enforcement on seat belts that we can save \$32 million. As I look at estimates of what we can do in revaluing ag land, I...I saw one estimate I think that was attributed to my esteemed colleague, Senator Coordsen, that possibly we're looking at a \$30 million cost on one of the revaluation ag land packages. Here it is, folks--\$32 million. Look at this very carefully. Is this an individual freedom issue when each one of us has the obligation to pay these dollars? No. As public policymakers, we need to buckle up and make sure that we make those decisions as we have been sent here to do. Less than one out of four traffic fatality victims in this state were wearing a seat belt. That means three-fourths, 75 percent or better, that died, a result of a traffic accident in this state, were not wearing seat belts. We have seen constantly that individuals, adults, who are not restraining themselves in their vehicles are also not restraining their children, putting them at terrible risk. And, believe me, if you've been out on the scene of a traffic fatality accident with children or adults involved and you have to see someone scraped off the highway because they don't have a seat belt on, it's going to give you pause to think. We had a sheriff last week from out in Buffalo County who called us and said, anything that