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amendment and another amendment which will explain what we're doing. In Nebraska, we do not require back seat passengers to wear seat belts, and we don't require children between these ages to wear seat belts. What's been passed out to you is this diagram with information from the National Highway Safety Administration, and also information from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety. Nationally, children age five to nine, who are killed, are not wearing seat belts only total 43 percent of those who were killed in car crashes, in Nebraska, it is 80 percent. Of children ages 10 to 14, nationally, according to the National Highway Safety Administration, 54 percent of children who are killed in car accidents were unrestrained or not wearing seat belts, in Nebraska, the total is 87 percent. We have a serious problem, not only with the children who aren't wearing seat belts who are killed, which is a terrible tragedy, but also the fact that they are more seriously injured if they are not wearing seat belts. Or if they are wearing seat belts, their chances of surviving the crash improve by 50 percent to 60 percent, but also their chances of surviving with minor injuries increase substantially. If we pass this amendment, what we would be saying is that children in Nebraska, ages five to fifteen, it's the responsibility of the person driving the car to ensure that their occupants are wearing seat belts or safety restraints. Senator Baker's bill deals with the younger children, which we've made a policy statement as a state and do require the drivers already. The differences then will be that all children in the car under age sixteen will be required to have seat belts on. I think this is an important safety measure for our state. I think we can improve our statistics, which are people, and as you can see from what's attached to it, I have the names of people, of children in this state who were killed on our highways not wearing...because probably half of those, according...if we apply national statistics, could have survived. A lot of crashes you can't survive, but we know statistically you can improve your odds. What we need to do is improve the chances for children in Nebraska by requiring that they wear seat belts, by the driver, when he or she gets in the car, making sure that everyone buckles up. We can, we know nationally that the leading cause of death of children age five to fifteen is motor vehicle accidents. This is a prevention measure that can save lives, save the quality...improve the quality of life for children by not having them as seriously