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injured, can bring our numbers more back in line with the national average. And one of the reasons, I think, the national average is better but not wonderful, it's certainly significantly better than Nebraska, is because a large number of other states have this requirement. Senator Baker has passed out to you information from the, I have the source here, the...it's a national safety web site. If any of you need that information, I'd somehow...aha, I knew it was here somewhere. This is from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's web site, and in that same information in their executive summary, they compile information and we do know that at least 25 jurisdictions, including 24 states and the District of Columbia, all children younger than sixteen are covered by one or both laws, safety restraint laws that are outlined in your handout. In addition to that, a number of other states have varying age limits. Some are higher, two states are higher than sixteen. Others are varying ranges between, I guess from our perspective, between the range of five and fifteen. What this amendment would do would bring a little, hopefully, strength to current law to encourage more children to wear seat belts and to encourage the drivers of the cars to have their child passengers buckle up. So, essentially, that's this amendment to the amendment, and a second amendment to the amendment, by means of compromise, that is coming up will be to make this a secondary offense. So if you are picked up, for example, for speeding and you have children unrestrained in your car that are between the ages of five and fifteen, you could be ticketed for that. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the Thompson amendment to the amendment? Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, colleagues. I want to commend Senator Baker for allowing Senator Thompson and I to bring this amendment. I think it's, obviously, very meaningful and I know that everyone in this body knows how passionate I am with this issue. I think some very good language has been introduced to you. I think some compromise has taken place. Certainly, I think all of you would like to know that I would like all the seat belt and restraint laws to be as absolutely strong, send the most powerful message that we possibly can to the people of this state, that buckling up saves lives, and it