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but I'm going to be passing out to you some information showing what happened when secondary offense seat belt legislation was passed in Nebraska because I know this is not as big a step as a lot of you would like, and it's certainly not what I had hoped to achieve today, but we will be able to make a significant difference if the same pattern holds true in improving seat belt use. So I will pass that out and address that when we get to the next amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last year when this bill was before the body on the floor, I had a hard time deciding how to vote on it. One side was we can't...the state can't tell everybody what to do and demand it. The other side, it saves lives and saves a lot of costs in medical costs, but sometimes when things happen pretty close to home, we see things a little different. Last Saturday night, a young girl who went to high school in Polk-Hordville and two passengers with her were going to meet the bus. She played on the basketball team, was the leading rebounder on the team, and they had an accident on the way. She and one of the other girls were not wearing seat belts. She was killed. The other girl that was not wearing a seat belt is in, I understand, in critical condition here in Lincoln at this time. The one girl was wearing a seat belt and was only treated for minor injuries. The story was that the coach was kind of perturbed and unhappy because she didn't show up for the bus and couldn't figure out why she was late without telling them where she was at, and they didn't find out about it. I think maybe the coach knew before but he didn't tell the team about her death until after the game, and you can imagine what an impact it had on all those young people. But I was thinking we're criticized many times for the state demanding individuals to do things, but I am sure that any member of this young girl's family or any of her acquaintances or any of them that it impacts on would be willing to take any kind of criticism that was brought forth because somebody told them what they had to do. I'm sure that they would feel that if she had to wear a seat belt, even if she didn't want to, if it saved her life, we would have been willing to stand any kind of criticism that there is. And I think because of this, I've come to see this in a new light, and I would support this amendment and