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it. I'd also experienced a friend of my son's, and I talked about this a year ago, a friend of my son's fell out of the back of a pickup because they were horsing around, landed on his head and died. My son lost a very good friend there. That's what...that was the impetus for me bringing this bill. When I was asked to bring it, that was the selling factor for me. I ask you to support this legislation. Let's save some lives.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Senator Beutler, on your amendment, followed by Senator Smith. Senator Beutler, are you available? Yes, he is. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd waive.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Waives his opportunity. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. It's been an interesting week here in the Legislature, and especially interesting in the Transportation Committee earlier this week when we had a day full of more regulation and more parenting by government. And it was even admitted by one of the testifiers who was in from Washington, D.C., to tell us how to run our state. The question was asked, why do we need this? And he said because parents want to refer to the law when they can't tell their kids no themselves. And this was actually another bill, not exactly on LB 227, but it was similar in regulatory nature. And we keep going back to personal responsibility. And I just can't see where we can do the parenting all the time. And it was interesting, actually I appreciated the honesty of the testifier in saying that he wanted to look to government to do the parenting, rather than the parents doing the parenting. And so I thought it was particularly telling that he was so forthright and honest about that, and I commend him for that. But it does speak volumes of what we expect out of government, what we should expect out of government, what we should expect out of parents. Because the more the government takes over, the more the parents are going to let that happen. And then we'll find ourselves, as we're already facing, the need, more need, more need, more need for government to do the parenting. We look at the seat belt issue and we've gone from 29 percent compliance or 29 percent use of seat belts to 76. But you know