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done this; you no longer have any more personal responsibility for anything that you do in this area. Because I don't think that's a good message to send either. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Thompson, followed by Senators Tyson, Synowiecki, Chambers, and Friend. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. We're talking about children here. We're talking about children who may be in a situation with another adult who may not be grandpa. And even if we're talking about that child in that situation and it is grandpa, you know years ago kids rode on grandpa's lap in the front seat behind the steering wheel. They stood on the seats of the cars. We don't allow that anymore. That is bad practice. Maybe it's because the history of automobiles and everybody having them wasn't out that long and maybe the research wasn't there, but we don't want children who are squished behind steering wheels. We don't want...we want children to grow up, to live, to have happy lives, not be injured and have serious injuries their whole lives that they will suffer from and we will suffer from because of their lack of ability to perhaps hold a job or because they'll end up on our Medicaid rolls because they have serious head injuries and that we all pay for, as taxpayers. I had a bill up and I know it was referenced here. The National Transportation Safety Board came in. And having been on the Transportation Committee for many years and read lots of the material that came across my desk, the reason we have these regulations is to set the standards. We're talking about individual freedom. Well, you know what? We set the standards for safety. That is a legislative responsibility, and the public watches that. Just yesterday we got information on the impact of having a booster seat bill in Nebraska and on having strong child passenger restraint laws, and we have made progress in the last year with the number of kids who are in child safety restraints in this state because it became the rule. And that means safer kids. It means families don't have funerals to pay for, injuries to pay for, and kids get to grow up. This is not an outrageous proposal. This is a standard. It's a national standard. And I don't care if you're a kid riding around in Papillion or some