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Where we going?

PUC Commissioner

Where are we going?

By BILL SHANE

Where is the PUC erous increases going? Is it moving encourage good water purpose? crat", my sense is that administering a less than perfect form of few clear policy goals. Let's discuss three of these policy goals justifiably generous shared by the PUC with the water compa-Commissioners.

(1) The electric commission has responded making major "excess capacity adjustments" economic regulation.

(denying portions of rate requests) in recent rate cases. With water companies, the PUC has granted fairly gen-

without direction or companies to build up As an their facilities and take 'entrenched bureau- over water complaints with poor service. I'm the Commission is sure many readers will disagree with my point justice, but is neverthethe PUC has been less moving towards a rather stingy with the electric companies and justifiably generous

(2) As a matter of panies are currently preference, the Comoverbuilt, and the missioners are willing water companies are to let competition set underbuilt. The Com- prices or do their work for them in those limto the problem of elec- ited areas where the tric companies by market can do a better job than government

suffering serious injury in a traffic accident. Still, many motorists simply believe that a serious accident will never happen to them. Only an estimated 15 percent of Pennsylvania drivers use their seat belts. One reason this percentage is so low, experts say, is that a lot of myths

According to the Pennsylvania Chapter of

American College of Emergency Physicians

(PaACEP), an average motorist has a 50

percent change over the course of a lifetime of

say various experts.

surround seat belt use. "Some people don't buckle up because they believe they'll be unable to escape from their car after an accident. Blets, however, improve an occupant's chance of remaining conscious and increase the chances of escaping," says Dr. Howard Hugehs, a spokesman for PaACEP

Another myth, says Dr. Hughes, is that it is an advantage to be "thrown clear" of a car crash. Statistics show that a person is 25 times more likely to be seriously injured if ejected from an

Others commonly cite discomfort, inconvenience or forgetfullness as reasons for not buckl-

Susan Smolens and her husband Gene began wearing their seatbelts on a trip to Scotland, a country with a mandatory seatbelt use law. The Smokesn continued their practice after returning to Pennsylvania. In the week following their return, they were involved in an accident with two large trucks. Their car, Susan says, "looked like an accordian...There was little left of eithter the front or rear end of the car." The couple believes they would have been seriously injured or possible killed had it not been for their seatbelts.

Susan Smolens' views on seatbelt use before the trip were similar to those of many other motorists. She says, "We just were not aware that they were useful...we had not complaints against belts...it just never occured to us to wear them except on the highway once in a while." Legislative Issue:

Interest in mandatory seatbelt use legislation for Pennsylvania has been renewed with the passage of restraint laws in other states. In 1984, New York became the first state to adopt a beltuse law. Similar laws have been passed in at least 15 sates with several others considering

In Pennsylvania, as in other states, controversy has surrounded the debate over the legislation. Opponents of seatbelt laws have focused on the possible infringement upon personal rights: Should people be free to choose whether or not they wear safety belts in their

Proponents of the law argue that the loss of lives outweights any possible violation of personal rights

They also point out that driving is a privilege and not a right.

David Snyder of Nationwide Insurance in Harrisburg says, "Using conservative figures. Pennsylvania could save over \$100 million annually in medical and related costs if our

'Buckle Up' may soon be law state could achieve even 50 percent seatbelt

greatr amount in indirect costs, such as produc-

"Buckle up" may soon be more than a suggestion in Pennsylvania. It may be the law. usage." Pennsylvania is one of several states currently The NHTSA estimates that a fatality costs an considering a mandatory seat belt use law. Such employer \$120,000 in direct costs-wages paid to a law could save thousands of lives each year absent employees, medical expenses, rehabilitation costs, insurance costs--and an equal or

> tivity loss, overtime, training and rescheduling. These costs have prompted some companies to get involved with the seatbelt issue through inhouse promotion programs. One example is DuPont Connector Systems, formerly Berg Electronics, near Harrisburg. Where an incentive program has been implemented to encourage belt use by workers. DuPont began with an extensive education program including films, literature and speakers from the State Police. Unannounced audits at work entrances allowed managers to check on the voluntary compliance. When participation reached its predetermined goal, employees were rewarded with various prizes.

> According to Ken Spoonhour, who organized the program, flowers were awarded to those wearing belts during the first audit. Workers were encouraged to wear their flowers during the day as "subtle peer pressure" on non-belt The program has expanded and succeeded on

an ongoing basis. "Since July 1980, we have had a 90 percent average participation," says Spoonhour. Belt wearers are now eligible for prizes such as TV's, cameras, and VCR's. The program has been duplicated by other

companies, which has pleased workers and "made them proud to work here," Spoonhour says.

Most seatbelts advocates agree that voluntary programs alone are not enough. Spoonhour supports a mandatory seat belt-use law. "Too many people are killed and injured...(it is) the

only way to get a majority of the people in the state to wear seatbelts," he says. The success not only in passing legislation in other states, but also in proclaiming positive results elsewhere, has given momentum to the mandatory belt use movement. In 32 foreign countries with belt-use laws, fatalities have delcined an average of 25 percent. Preliminary

statistics from New York and other states are also encouraging the safety belt movement. The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians reports that seat belt laws would be a positive approach to reducing traffic fatalities and injuries. 94 per-

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cent say they would comply to such a law.

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