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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Do we have uniformity from state to state or are there any differences, in physical or the mental requirements?

SENATOR BEREUTER: There are some differences in every state.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Are Nebraska's generally higher than the other states?

SENATOR BEREUTER: I would say that they match surrounding states and most states. We are about average. They balance out.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Either they are superior, the same, or they are not as stringent?

SENATOR BEREUTER: No, that is not true. Sometimes in some areas they are more stringent and in other areas they may be less stringent.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Don't you think it is in the interest of the people of this state to assure that people who are spending a long period of time in this state and operating motor vehicles comply with the same standards?

SENATOR BEREUTER: I think we have an obligation to insure that they operate sufficiently, in a capable manner, but I think that we have that assurance today because...

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: The only way to have that assurance is by administering our test, isn't it?

SENATOR BEREUTER: I am sorry. I missed the question.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: The only way to insure that is to require them to take the test administered by the State of Nebraska, isn't that correct?

SENATOR BEREUTER: What you are suggesting, Senator Cavanaugh, is inconsistent with what the majority of the states in the Union now do and I am sure that the harassment now provided to nonresident students, particularly since they go home every summer or, at least, many of them do to earn a living, is something that has prompted lawmakers in other states to take the step that I am recommending here.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Then you are for a uniform licensure requirement?

SENATOR BEREUTER: No, I am not for a uniform because I think the requirement belongs in the hands of the state, and as long as it belongs in the hands of the 50 states, we cannot have uniformity. I am not in favor of federal control.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: The purpose, I think, of requiring the long term resident of the state to seek a Nebraska driver's license is to insure that the quality of the