

lays down a new rule in indicating that for all those born after January 1 of 1977 they will be required to complete a ten-hour hunter safety course. Under current law with respect to firearm owners, they're only required to complete a six-hour course as opposed to a ten-hour course and that requirement is only applicable to those who are age 12 through 15 so it establishes a new rule for those people. It also establishes a new rule for the bow hunters in also increasing the course requirements from six hours to ten hours. Again, this is with the approval of the bow hunter groups. Senator Fisher, why don't I pause for a moment. I've got my light on, too, so we should have plenty of time but let me pause for a moment and just ask you and see whatever time you need to make any other supplemental comments you would like to make in simply introducing this portion of the bill to the body.

SENATOR FISHER: Thank you, Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: Thank you, Madam President, sorry I jumped the gun a little bit. This portion of the bill was brought to me by the Game and Parks Commission, and the bill really makes the changes that the commission felt was necessary to update the mandatory hunter safety program and adds the sport of bow hunting to the program. I might add that a lot of this is done by volunteer work. The people are very supportive, the bow hunters are supportive of it, the Game Commission is supportive of it; and they will spend a great deal of time with instructional purposes because bows and arrows are rather dangerous. So I think it's good and it's a no fiscal impact. And I think it's also very important at a time right now when the illegal use of firearms are so common in nearly every-day life. So this will teach those people a little bit more respect perhaps for the firearm and for the bow. But bow and arrow hunting, bow hunting as it is referred to, is gaining much popularity and I do believe it should be included in the hunter safety program, and I ask that you go ahead and support these amendments. If you have any particular questions about bow hunting, I'd be glad to answer them. If not, I'll turn the time back to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Fisher, thank you very much for a nifty little bill. I wanted to indicate that with respect to fiscal notes he had mentioned that there was no fiscal note with