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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Nebraska Legislature, I would like two questions of Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Beutler, I would like to have you give me as much detail as you can regarding the learner's permit privileges, the ages and how the learner's permit would work for mopeds.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The learner's permit situation would work exactly as it works for motorcycles and for automobiles. You can't get an operator's license until you are sixteen. When you are fifteen you can get a learner's permit that allows you to drive, as with motorcycles, when you are accompanied by someone. In the case of fourteen year olds, the only thing you can get is a school permit. Another thing that we did to make sure that those operating mopeds were operating them with safety, with an incentive to safety, is to put them all under the point system so the point system applies to operators of mopeds as well as the operators of other types of vehicles.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Beutler, you said the learner permit would allow them to operate a moped when they were accompanied with somebody and that is a little ambiguous for me, accompanied by whom, how long, who is somebody? Is that dog Teddy or...?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Now we have a strange provision in the law now, as I understand it, and correct me if I am wrong, Senator Kremer, but a learner's permit with a motorcycle now requires that you have somebody trailing you in a car or on another motorcycle and that would be what was required with a moped. It would be the same with a moped.

SENATOR KELLY: If I understand what you said was that you have to be fifteen years old to get a learner's permit.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR KELLY: But at fourteen you can get a school permit.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is right.

SENATOR KELLY: And when you get a school permit at fourteen you can go back and forth from home to school without any