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dealers in the City of Omaha and motorcycle sales are up significantly and in some cases as much as sixty-five and seventy-five percent from a year ago. What does that mean and why? We all know why. Simply because of the fuel shortage and the rising cost of gasoline today. I think most of us are well aware of the fact that a motorcycle today can get up to 50 to 60 miles to a gallon and mopeds probably as much as what, 75 to 100 miles per gallon. Ladies and gentlemen, do you realize how many, do you realize, can we possibly envision the number of young people that will be driving these kinds of vehicles on our state's highways, villages, cities and that is the concern that I have and, okay, now what does the amendment do? Well, the amendment does simply this. It tells those people who are now screening the applicants who come down to the Department to get their license, whatever we call it, the Driver Testing Bureau that we have to screen these applicants like we do someone who is going to get a license to drive a car, and, Mr. President, if I could have the attention of the members on the floor, I think this is a very important amendment. As a matter of information to the members of the Legislature, when someone goes down today to get a license to drive a moped or a motorcycle, does anyone here realize or know what kinds of procedures are used in screening that applicant and I am not talking about the mental phase or the vision phase of the examination. I am talking about the driving phase of the examination. I guess one of the ways I could have gotten the attention of this body was to put an amendment up there to require every automobile driver in this state to wear a helmet. Then I would have captured your attention. Why? Why would that be germane or relevant? Well, it would just simply remind every car driver of this state that there are going to be thousands of young people out there driving motorcycles on our state's highways and cities and every place else in this state and I think drivers are probably as careless and probably as uneducated about the motorcycles today as a motorcyclist is in driving in regular traffic and I guess all this amendment does, ladies and gentlemen, I think you can find it in line 17 and it says simple this. The examination of an operator's actual operation of a motorcycle shall test the same driving skills required to operate other motor vehicles and shall be as extensive as such other motor vehicular tests. Now, if I went down to get my driver's license today, what would happen? I would have to take the mental test, the vision test and then comes the driving phase. No one comes with me on that motorcycle. All they do is watch me hop on the motorcycle. They watch me go up to the end of the block, drive around the block where they can't see. Within a matter of a minute, a minute

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