

and a half, the test phase, the driving phase of the examination is done. Now would you, Senator Keyes, want your child, your sixteen year old or seventeen year old to go to that driver's testing station and be phased or at least screened in that manner? You know I don't think we do, ladies and gentlemen. I think we would expect more from the driver testing bureau than they are now doing and I certainly am not condemning those people working in that capacity in state government. I think they have done an outstanding job but I think they need the support of the Legislature to do what they need to do to be sure that every applicant who comes in to drive a motorcycle or a moped be given the same kind of screening as one is given if they are going out to get their driver's license. That is the least we can do to improve the driving skills of people who drive a motorcycle today. You know not too long ago I was driving down one of the major streets in the City of Omaha and someone was hit on a motorcycle and the person driving the car didn't see the motorcyclist coming, and why, because of a six inch pole that was standing up interfered, a six inch pole. You know it would be marvelous, I think, if some radio station or some TV station could perhaps sponsor some kind of a driver education program to the public, the motoring public, be they car drivers, the motorcycle drivers. I don't know how best to approach this crisis that I think will be a crisis, an emergency in this state, once we see the number of motorcycles that will be approaching as early as this spring. And, ladies and gentlemen, I think it is important although I don't think many of you people in here today think this is important but I think this is one of the ways we can at least tell those people who are screening those applicants who are coming in. We are telling them, look, we want to make sure that everyone who comes in to get a motorcycle license or a moped license that we want these people screened with a fine tooth comb, whatever that means, and I would hope that they would use all in their power to see that everyone who drives that moped or that motorcycle will be and would be a competent driver no matter in whatever traffic situation he might be presented with, whether it is on the interstate, whether it is in downtown Omaha or whether it is in downtown Lincoln or downtown Anselmo, if there is a downtown in Anselmo. Mr. Speaker, I suspect that that is pretty much the essence of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now I have three lights on. First, Senator Kremer, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask