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LB 23

Senator Venditte a question. Senator Venditte, the language that you use in your amendment specifies that the operation of a motorcycle shall test the same driving skills required to operate other motor vehicles. Now you are aware there is a special license granted to a motorcycle driver now, are you not? Are you aware also that there is a special license to operate a big truck. Now you say other motor vehicles, which ones do you mean?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, I am talking now specifically, Senator Kremer, about their driving phase, primarily the driving phase of driving that motorcycle. In other words what I am saying is this, Senator, when you go to get your license you must drive with that person, right?

SENATOR KREMER: This is right but you say tests of other motor vehicles. Now there are a number of tests. A big truck operator has to have a different kind of test, different license.

SENATOR VENDITTE: I submitted my concern to the bill drafter and this is what he sent up and I said, specifically, motorcycles and I suspect that I....

SENATOR KREMER: Along with that, Senator Venditte, you have answered my question, is this is that I am not too much opposed to what you are trying to do here. However, I think I am going to oppose the amendment basically because LB 23 or such has been before committees on this floor for a number of years. We have battled this thing around and I am afraid it could hurt the passage of LB 23. The introducer of the bill, Senator Merz, is not here and I question whether we should do it. I think I may support a bill like this if it was in the form of a bill, but now to put it on LB 23, I think I will have to oppose you because I am not sure the language is right. There are a number of examinations and tests. They are applied to different drivers depending whether it is a motorcycle or whether it is a big truck or what it is.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Senator Kremer, can I answer your question, our particular concern, and it is addressed in line 18 and the bill drafter is right in his original draft in that it says that the examination of an operator's actual operation and in particular, Senator Kremer, it says motorcycle, not a truck, Senator Kremer, not a tractor.

SENATOR KREMER: No, but you say other vehicles which could mean a number of things.