

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have no closing, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, the motion is the adoption of item #4 of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote.

CLERK: Senator Beutler voting yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Please vote. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of that portion of the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, the committee amendments in their entirety have now been adopted. Senator Conway, we are now back on the main bill. Do you wish to address the bill at this time?

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think there are a few things that I could add relative to the bill and possibly to help support the advancement. I also would greatly appreciate anyone who has specific questions to address them during this stage of debate. As far as the other states are concerned, there is all kinds of arguments as to what the problem is, as to why we should or should not be involved in this type of legislation. As we look at other states, I believe you will find on the handout that I have presented to you that there are 31 states which now have various forms of compulsory insurance where they have shown the fortitude and the willingness within the legislative process to insist that the people who are operating and using the rights of the roadway, that they do show and show prior to the accident that they do have the financial strength to support any kinds of losses they would have. As we listen to testimony, as we talk to people, you will notice the kinds of general public support that we have. On the handout, you will also notice that there are editorials twice now, the editorial, the Omaha World Herald has editorialized relative to this particular problem. In many cases the statistics aren't there. There is always that question of saying, well, how many uninsured motorists are there out there and one of the major problems we have in terms of calculating that is that there is really no way of knowing. What we do know, though, are some very specific statistics, that we can almost surmise from that, that that certainly is a problem. In 1984 there was 1.4 million