

referred to the Public Works Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, this bill was introduced by Senator Schmit at the request of the Department of Motor Vehicles. The bill makes two changes. First, it states that any person who is convicted of a traffic offense, while driving under an employment permit, shall have that permit revoked in an administrative proceeding. Under current law there is no way to revoke an employment permit. There is no way to revoke those permits. The other thing the bill does is to require applicants for learners permits to pass a written test. So these are the two things that are included in the bill. First of all it provides a method by which employment driving permits can be revoked and, secondly, requires learners permit applicants to pass a written test. I'd ask that the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I kind of hate to...I don't want to bog a consent bill down. I have absolutely no problem with the first part of Senator Lamb's bill. On the other hand, recalling my teenage years and recalling the teenage years of my two children, it always had seemed to me that when a youngster goes in to get his learners permit he just gets a learners permit because he is at the right age. And only when he goes to get his drivers license does he have to take the written test, pass the eye examination, and pass the driving test. I don't think that at this juncture I would want to ask our teenagers, who go in to get their learners permits, to take a written test. I think that just works an additional burden on the teenager who theoretically is about to learn how to drive, including learning during the course of that time the rules of the road.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I support the issue. Teenagers are a lot brighter and smarter than some of the folks who have to take the test who maybe really can't comprehend some of those questions, because there are trick questions. If they can't pass the test then