

I don't think they should be driving. So I support Senator Lamb.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I want to get a few things into the record, so I'd like to ask Senator Lamb a question or two about the portion dealing with the learners permit. Senator Lamb, a person with a learners permit is authorized to drive, legally, only under what circumstances?

SENATOR LAMB: I think with adult supervision.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh huh, or a licensed driver.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And is not to be in the car alone, driving. Is that correct?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, I believe so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Lamb is absolutely correct. Remember, what we are trying to do is encourage young people to learn how to drive vehicles under the tutelage of somebody who is a licensed driver, preferably an adult, generally it would be a parent. Now if we are going to put impediments into the path of those who are trying to get these permits, they will simply learn how to drive without getting the learners permit. That is what a lot of them do anyway. So, in many cases a good idea, or one that seems to be good accomplishes the opposite result. I wouldn't want to put anything in the path of a young person who is willing to go through the steps of obtaining a permit then complying with it. So, rather than making sure that those who are learning to drive get a permit and have all this knowledge that Senator Lamb wants to be sure that they've got, we might wind up with fewer young people obtaining the permit, fewer parents even requiring the child to get the permit, and it will not accomplish anything worthwhile. So I'm opposed to that provision of the bill. There is one other proposition I would like...well, no, I won't bring that up, not at this point anyway. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: There is an amendment on the desk.