

that were sought to be accomplished. The purpose of it is to promote motorcycle safety by making quality motorcycle safety courses taught by quality instructors available throughout the State of Nebraska. It is the intent of the bill to improve certain aspects of the program in an attempt to better address the needs of motorcyclists in the state and this bill would accomplish this through three major changes. Number one, the bill provides for a change in the administration of the program from the Department of Education to the Department of Motor Vehicles and, by the way, we have had a letter from the Department of Education stating that they feel with the changes that will be made, this is the appropriate placement. The emphasis of the program is safety which is within the domain of the Department of Motor Vehicles and that's the purpose for placing it there. Secondly, the bill would restructure certain aspects of the program. It would require the director to establish and approve courses for advanced motorcycle operators as well as approve training requirements for motorcycle safety instructors and chief instructors. It also creates an advisory committee to advise the director regarding the requirements for motorcycle safety courses, training requirements for instructors and the administration of the fund. The committee would be comprised of motorcycle safety instructors, motorcycle operators, motorcycle dealers and the general public. And, finally, new priorities for the disbursement of the Motorcycle Safety Education Fund would be established which we feel is very important. Funds would be made available for training of motorcycle safety instructors and chief instructors, for the establishment of sites where courses can be taught, and also it would provide for the printing and the disbursement of promotional materials. With that, I would like to turn the remainder of my time over to Senator Landis. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Landis, please. You've got three minutes, Senator Landis. Seven, excuse me.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, point number one, the Motorcycle Safety Education Act is self-funded by motorcyclists, no General Fund money. It all comes from registration fees and it has been done largely by motorcyclists who have favored the approach of using safety. Number two, there have been, over the years, a declining number of students, not an increasing number of students in