

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Remmers would move to amend the bill by striking Section 2.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Section 2 says the driver education courses may be conducted by the public school districts for any person between the ages of 14 and 18. I see no reason for having it in there. I think maybe some of you that have been around here as long as I have know, I don't mean to infer that I have been here very long, but since I have been here I have objected to the Legislature deciding...it is a phrase I have always used, by carrot or stick...to get school districts to teach certain subjects. I always felt the curriculum was something that the State Department of Education should decide and it was not our task to decide what should be taught, what was important. I think with those words in there you are going to...you are going to make a suggestion that is almost going to require the school districts to provide it and it will be at taxpayers' cost. And I think we just should strike all reference to it. If the school board wants of offer it, they still can at their own expense. I also objected to the money going to the state aid...to be taken away from the state aid for driver's ed because we raised driver's license to get it, but if we are going to use that money, I would suggest that we remove this section because then the school district can make up its own mind. As long as it is in there right now, I think by the suggestion it is going to be, it is going to be very difficult for a school board to decide that they are not going to offer it and I think that we should, if we are not going to fund it, then we should take that language out of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, Mr. President and members, I guess I don't quite understand what Senator Remmers is attempting to do so maybe in order to clarify my own mind, perhaps if Senator Remmers would respond to some questions. Senator Remmers, if we take Section 2 out of the bill, now, first of all, let me ask you, are you objecting to the last sentence that indicates that driver education courses may be conducted by the public schools? In other words, they may go ahead and do it but there is not going to be funds there for them, is that you are objecting to is that language?