

basically saying that we are setting priorities. Yes, we like safe drivers, nobody is going to argue with that. Yes, we think our drivers should be trained, nobody will argue with that. But should it be the responsibility of our schools? I would contend that our schools have a lot of responsibilities. Each year we tend to add more and more responsibilities to them. I think at this point maybe we should say this is one responsibility that at least we, on the state level, are not going to mandate back on the local school districts. I think what Senator Remmers and Senator Vickers are doing with this amendment is commendable and I probably would also say that LB 5 is a good bill in that it is asking us to look at the priorities, the things we mandate upon education and removing one of those burdens from education. For that reason I support the amendment and the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers, please, then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise mainly to support the amendment. I think there is one thing that was not covered by Senator Withem's question and that is the matter of certification of the teacher if they do have the program. As Senator Vickers indicated, this is covered in other sections and there is no question but if they are going to have it they will have to have certified teachers if they are going to get credit for it. So I felt that should be mentioned. I tried to do this the other day in haste. As they say, haste makes waste. I kind of botched the job. But this is what I was trying to do the other day. I would urge you to support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, then Senator Eret.

SENATOR HIGGINS: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Eret, please.

SENATOR ERET: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask a question of Senator Vickers, if he would yield.

SENATOR VICKERS: Certainly.

SENATOR ERET: Did you state that there are specific referrals to drivers education in other statutes?