

drivers education in the high schools. I can still hear the echoes bouncing back and forth of how important this is that we teach the children defensive driving. Defensive driving really comes before seat belts, because if you are a good defensive driver that will help enhance the seat belts. But anyway these people stood before this body and said we have to do this because there is no one to teach these children. In some cities, if they had to do it on their own, they can't afford to pay for private instructions, thereby they will learn by driving themselves which is bad, we've got to do this. So in all of its wisdom the Legislature tacked on \$3.00 to the registration fee to fund drivers education in the high schools. Now all of a sudden this body has decided that drivers education is not that important and we don't need it. We're going to take that \$3.00 that we've been taxing the citizens for drivers education, and put it into the General Fund. Well, now that is hoodwinking the public. That is stealing from the public. That is what it's doing, it is stealing from them. We are saying this is our rationale for the \$3.00, but now we've changed our minds and we're going to take it and put it in the General Fund and use it to have state government grow bigger, and bigger, and bigger. I think this is wrong, absolutely wrong. If this body feels that we do not need drivers education in the high schools, so be it. But my amendment merely says that we take the \$3.00 off of the registration fee and return it to the taxpayers from whence it came in the first place. I will not be a part of hoodwinking and stealing from the public under the guise of helping children learn to drive. So that is what I ask you to do, is to bring the bill back. It takes that \$3.00 off of the registration fee instead of putting it into the General Fund, which I think is fair, is upright and is correct. If you do it any other way, you are not being honest with yourselves, you are not being honest with the citizens, and it is a sham. It is just a sham to raise more money for the state to spend who knows where. I think it is wrong and I hope there are enough people on this floor that feel the way I do. If you are not going to use it for drivers education, take it off the registration fee and that is it. So, Mr. President, that is what the amendment does. I ask the support of this body to bring it back and to take it out and take it off the registration fee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.