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PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Either we're going to address it or we're not going to address it. But for someone to stand up here and say, oh, don't put the Lamb amendment on because it lets somebody out, there is nobody in. There's no one in. You're telling the villages and the cities they've got two years and ten months, and by that time, with the normal turnover, at least a third of us won't be here, and so you can just assume nothing else will happen for another 20 years, and that's fine with me. But at least you shouldn't go so far as to lead them to believe that they've got to start something and you'll have some hot-shot consultant go to most of these communities and say, you better let me draw you a plan. And the lawyer will say, yep, I think you have a plan, and so they will start spending 5, 10, 20 thousand bucks to rip off these little communities again, and again, and again, and there will really be no good purpose served. Ladies and gentlemen, one of my fellow colleagues wanted to...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...put his name on the bill, I said, no, I'd better bear the full responsibility for it. If it's good, I'll take the full...I'll take the full responsibility; if it's bad, I'll take that also. I think the facts are we know what the bill will do under these conditions. I suggest that we ought to...well, I'm not going to make that suggestion yet at this time. I'm going to see what else happens to it as it moves its torturous way across the board. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. I'll now recognize Senator Lamb, followed by Senator Morrissey. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you. Madam President, members, selectivity, that's the whole, whole purpose of this amendment, a little bit of selectivity. It does, as Senator Johnson said, put the burden on the state and I think that's where it should be. You know when we license people for a driver's license, what do we do? We put the burden on the state. We don't just arbitrarily say no 16-year-old can drive. We have a licensing procedure. So you look at the situation and determine whether or not this person is capable of driving, the same way with this amendment. Senator Morrissey at first said it was redundant,