

of where that may be. But, no, we don't expand the school permit.

SENATOR CROSBY: That's what...okay. Thank you.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, members, it's one of those bills that just causes me a little discomfort. The more I think about it the more discomfort I have, because I like what the bill is trying to do. I just don't know if I'm real comfortable in how it's doing it. You read that bill, and I know...maybe this comes from the days of the staff person, maybe Senator Will and I can relate to, this is one of those bills that come September 1 your phone is going to start ringing, and parents are going to be calling up and saying, wait a second, how come you mandated indirectly that I have to pay \$100 for my kid to take driver's ed, that's really what you're doing. And the phones are going to ring, and the insurance companies are going to tell the parents, and we're all going to get blamed for it by passing the bill. They've all passed the buck to us, we're not going to pay for it, we're making everybody take it. There's basically a policy decision you have to make. One, is if driver's education is good. We'll all probably agree that that's probably something that needs to have happen, even though, as Senator Kristensen stated, people like myself that grew up on farms, we're driving long before then. But, regardless, driver's education is something we all should take. So if you agree on that, there's two ways to accomplish it. One is the route of LB 336, which is basically through the back door, saying, you know, it's more than a carrot, it's more like blackmail. I mean if you want to drive when you're 16 and 17, you have to go, your family or yourself has to cough up whatever money it is in your school district to take driver's ed. So, it's kind of you're blackmailing them into taking it. The other way is the more up front approach that we used to do in this state, whereas, you've all heard this story a number of times, and I hesitate to bring it up, given the history and given the position that I'm now in, to tell you the truth, but the state used to raise the driver's license fee to pay for it, and then in tough times we took that away and didn't pay for it anymore, and eventually we just withdrew the whole mandate. So nobody is paying for it now, and the state used to share a big portion of