

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. There are no other lights, Senator Nelson, would you like to close?

SENATOR NELSON: I believe I explained it and it just simply is the parents that are caught in the squeeze with no public transportation, would allow them to get a driver's permit the same as the rural or the smaller schools.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Nelson. We're now voting on the Nelson amendment. All in favor...we're voting on the Nelson amendment. Has everyone voted? Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 2 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CONWAY: The amendment is not adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Moore. Senator, I have your AM0542 what was filed with me last session, AM0542. (Appears on page 915 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. Speaker and members, AM0542 would basically return to the statutes the laws that were there prior to the passage of LB 5 in 1985 and basically this doesn't mandate driver's education in the State of Nebraska, it only says that the state will go back to paying \$80 per student that completes the course in our public school system. Like I said, it doesn't mandate that it happens, it just says that we're willing to fund it and willing to encourage schools to offer that course and offset a large portion of the cost of that course. I think it's important to understand a little bit of history here. I think a lot of people, if you're like me, you've heard oftentimes primarily from your school board members in your districts about they had a problem with, hey, you raised the fee to pay for this then you took the money away. Though that is partially true, that's not entirely true. And actually the history of this is prior to 1981 and prior to the fact that LB 207 of 1981 25 percent of the driver's license fee went right back to the county and 75 percent were deposited with the state treasurer. Of that 75 percent share that went to the state treasurer, half of it went into the Driver's Education Fund and the remainder was placed in the General Fund and so, at that