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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Moore, could I ask you a couple of quick questions, please?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore, would you respond, please?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: This amendment basically says that the state is going to reimburse the school districts then for the cost of driver's education. Is that right? Would that be a...

SENATOR MOORE: Not the entire cost arguably because it may exceed \$80. It would reimburse \$80 of the cost of driver's education.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. But there is (inaudible). And if this amendment is placed on, you're going to support 336 through Final Reading if there are no other amendments put on?

SENATOR MOORE: Assuming I find a way to pay for it, yes. That's an assumption that I put in there.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, converted into layman's terms, Senator Moore says no way in the world are we ever going to pass this amendment because we can't afford it and that's the other shoe that is going to drop and his kindness towards this bill is really appreciated, but really what he is doing is loading this down and this is regressing to what we did in the early eighties and that wasn't acceptable at that time. Certainly, I appreciate Senator Moore's comments about the importance of driver's education and some day when we have another bill that spends some money, Senator Moore is going to stand up and make a plea for fiscal restraint and that's exactly what we do here, but it's just in a different manner. Senator Moore, I appreciate your amendment but I think that this is done in an effort to load the bill down. I don't think it is good state policy at this point to put that as a budget item for reimbursements back nor do I think the other amendments which follow, they're even a little bit worse. With that, I would oppose the Moore amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise