

to support the Moore amendment. I've always been a strong believer in driver's ed and when we had the bill, I believe in the middle eighties, well, I certainly opposed that because you know what we did? We dropped driver's ed but we didn't drop the cost of the driver's license and I think that was wrong. I feel that young students do need a driver's program and many can't afford to pay it themselves, nor can their parents afford to pay it. And sometimes I believe sometimes maybe some of us older people need a driver's ed course too, but that's beside the point right now. I think some of the amendments are good, some of the amendments that are going to be proposed are bad, but I think this is one of the good amendments and, therefore, I support it and urge you to support it. But we need to realize that whenever students take a driver's ed course, it does help us reduce accidents. It helps us to drop the number of people that are killed in automobile accidents and it helps keep the cost down. It helps keep the insurance costs down and so I think we need to realize all the good that a bill such as this will do. I don't want to let the schools be stuck for the cost of this. I think that we need to find a plan to fund this program and I realize that this amendment probably doesn't take care of all the cost, it does take care of quite a little of it and so, therefore, I'm going to support the Moore amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Haberman, you're next.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I wonder if Senator Hefner has really studied the amendment as there's a whole list of criteria that a teacher must have or a school must have and a teacher before they can even qualify for the money. For example, they have to have a valid teaching certificate, three hours of driver education, three hours of general safety education and a course in first-aid and the course should have a minimum of 30 hours of classroom instruction. Well, then we're saying, on the other hand we're saying, and we're going to give the school \$80. So if 50 students took the course at 80 bucks apiece, would be \$4,000. How many teachers are you going to hire for \$4,000? Say that a hundred kids took the course, that would be \$8,000. How many teachers are you going to hire for \$8,000? You're not going to do it, folks. But we're laying it on the schools, you've got to have this, we're going to give you the money and also the teacher, we're telling him what they have to...where they get their education. So it's a bad amendment with all of these clauses in there, you shall do this, you shall