

amendments, the body made the conscious decision that driver's education was not important enough to fund from the state's perspective. And so, basically, what it comes down to is you're going to pass a bill that places the burden on the 16-year-old, and I guess I'm of the opinion that the 16-year-olds are not the ones here that can lobby for this. The insurance companies, for good reason, want to have this bill passed. The schools...I mean, it's a good thing to encourage driver's education to occur, but when the burden falls on those that can least afford it, I guess I have a problem with it. And I think if we're not willing to pay for driver's education in the State of Nebraska, I think it's a mistake to place the burden on the 15 or 16-year-old that has to find the money from their parents or go out and work for the money and I think if you're not willing to write the check for a program that is that...if the program is not good enough to write the check for, it's not good enough to do it indirectly like LB 336 proposes to do. And so, with that, I urge the body to vote red on the advancement of LB 336.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I just think sometimes we need to sit back and use a little common sense and this is one of those issues that just takes a little thought. We have a machine here that's capable of going what, 80, 90, 100 miles an hour, it just makes sense to have some type of training in order to operate this machine. It's capable of skidding, it's capable of flipping over, it's capable of doing many things and we need to operate it with some thought in mind that would have been taught to us by some people with experience. The other evening, coming back from Kearney to Lincoln, I was driving 40 miles an hour due to the ice conditions of the highways. Along came an 18-wheeler, passed me, he was probably going 50 or 60 miles an hour. I wished, at the time, that that person would have had some training perhaps on how to drive on icy conditions. Down the road five miles, I think this same operator was wishing he would also had some experience or somebody had taught him the conditions. He was crossways in the middle of the road. This leads me to say that we need some instructions and this simply tells us this bill will not limit the amount of drivers but it will limit the age when he can receive this permit and this simply goes to 17. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Before I go to the