

next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature this morning and they are in the south balcony. They're guests of Senator Crosby. We have 20 eighth graders from the Helen Hyatt Junior High here in Lincoln, and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President and members of the body, probably I'm the only person in this body, I think, that ever taught driver's education. And I taught it when I had hair the same color as Senator Johnson and Senator Moore. But I'm still vacillating on this bill because I think if we want to stop driver's, I guess, and I did this with my children, I have five children, but the first three I didn't let them drive a car at all, and I lived in the city, till they were 17. No accidents. My two younger ones, when I got a little older and weaker in my iron fist and so forth, I let them drive at 16. My son had driver's...had driver's training, accidents. So I really think that...really think if we are going to want to do it, we should just, you know, put our foot down, say you don't get a driver's license till, from my experience, until 17. I also, you know, taught driver's education and it...and it's a numbers game, you know, maybe it was better when it was funded by the state but, you know, you have big classes, you have nice films that show accidents and so forth. There is a little bit of driving time but I guess I have...and maybe they do a better job of instruction. That's what Senator Kristensen told me, probably, but maybe they do a better job of instructing now than when I did it. But I have some feeling about this (laughter)...about this bill and so forth because it's like Senator Robak said, you've got to get the first in line to get into driver's ed and maybe make the insurance companies because I think originally that's where the idea came, they would give breaks on insurance policy as far as driver's education.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, as I understand the legislation, the bill is going to lay onto the schools the responsibility to have driver's education. Is that correct, Senator Moore?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Senator, no is the answer, it doesn't