

say the schools can do it, if they want to put their own money into it, they can, but they cannot do it for credit, they cannot do it for credit. And I think it would be very progressive to make this the opening shot back towards a reemphasis to the core curriculum. Now I intend to address next year things that are more ludicrous. I mean, I understand that some of you will get up and say, well, they're getting credit for wrestling and they're getting credit for cheerleading and they're getting credit for this and for that, why can't they get credit for driver's education which is much more important than that? And all I can say is that's probably true. But what I would also say is I don't think they should be getting credit for that. I think we need to go back to the core curriculum and start spending time on it and start doing it in an in depth and serious...as a serious proposition. We are not going to catch up with Japan. We are not going to be the leaders in the world if all our children are spending their time on things that don't matter, on things they will learn anyway, on things they will do anyway. So, for myself, if this amendment could be attached, I could feel comfortable with this. It's not perfect. I don't like the idea of making kids do it but not making older adults do it, that bothers me some. But there are such things as starting points and there is such a thing as the exuberance of youth and it is a...being young is a different condition, I now know. So there may be some rational basis for what Senator Kristensen is doing. I'm willing to take that risk. But I would ask you all to think seriously about how this relates to the general education curriculum generally and to do something that's an additional good with this bill and respond to the situation with what I think is a positive amendment and a positive statement about education and something which I hope will help this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I raise a point of order pertaining to the germaneness of this amendment. This is a bill dealing with the motor vehicle section of the statutes. No place in the bill is there a reference to any obligation of the public schools, even the reference to successful completion of a driver safety course talks about approval by the Department of Motor Vehicles. What Senator Beutler is seeking to do is take a bill, because, I guess, some of the debate here has talked about the schools a little bit, but insert education language and bring the education debate on what ought to be in the core