

certainly there's other things to anticipate to come. However, there is other legislation and the Legislature is a process and bills come up in their course of doing that and I appreciate your patience no matter which way you vote on this. I think Senator Withem did a pretty good job in the germaneness talk and I usually listen to Senator Withem quite closely on rules but he said a very important thing and he said, you know, this is entirely a driving issue. And that's right, this is not an issue about schools. This is an issue about drivers' safety. This is an issue about the person today when you go home or this weekend when you get home who you're going to see on the road. And if you figure that less than half of the individuals who are learning to drive in this state have not had some course of instruction, that ought to send some message to you. If you belong to the Madrigal Singers or if you go to the prom, you're going to spend somewhere between 50 and \$150 for a tuxedo, but do you spend the \$75 once to take a driver's education course? Your car payment is probably more each month than that once to take. Now do they do a good job of teaching? By and large, yes, I think they do. Can we all find judges that don't do a good job? Yes. Can we find instructors that don't do a good job? Yes. Do we find senators that don't do a good job? Yes. But look at the big picture and look at generally what gets done and look at your priorities. And those priorities are very simple. Your first dollars ought to be spent in respect and safety for those to learn about things like drunk driving, to learn about the value of seat belts, to learn about all the other defensive things that you need to do to operate a motor vehicle and, quite frankly, there's not another subject that, as a member of high school learning to drive, that you're going to do every day of your life other than drive. It's the most dangerous event that you're going to enter into. A bill like this, find some compromise. The state's not going to fund it. The state's not going to mandate it and we're not going to make property tax pay for it. So who pays for it? The people who benefit and the beneficiaries are those young driver's who are going to have to drive themselves. Mr. President, that is my closing. I would ask for a call of the house.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Kristensen's closing on the advancement of LB 336. We will now vote on the advancement. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Call of the house has been requested. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.