

at children. I agree with you that we should probably put the responsibility as far as minors who possess bicycles put that responsibilities for the safety devices on the parents.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me proceed a bit further in my legal education, if the Chair does not mind? It is on the issue.

PRESIDENT: Go ahead Senator Chambers, we need to discuss it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a child goes before juvenile court now, is that child charged with a specific crime or is it a general term like delinquency or something like that?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Right, there are three categories I think that a child is delinquent,

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it is not a specific named crime?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: No, it is because of a certain infraction. They have to...they are found delinquent because of an infraction of the law. They are not found to be criminal.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, this would create a specific crime.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: They would be found guilty of a misdemeanor.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am opposed to the penalty section.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak then is Senator Fellman.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think that Senator Chambers raises a very good point. The burden it seems to me is misplaced here. Certainly the burden could be well, I'm for the safety features of this bill. I think that it is very good. It would seem to be a proper place to place the requirement with anyone who sells the bicycle and I think that it is very unfair here to the only way of enforcement would be to go at the nine or ten year old child who received the bicycle as a present from his parents, whether it be a Christmas present, or a birthday present or what have you. This is a small crime but it is a crime and it would remain on a persons record. It is very doubtful that this violation would be taken into the juvenile court process. I would also guess that it would be very doubtful that the police would enforce this provision. I can not see policemen going out a or being instructed to go out and arrest small children driving a bicycle without these proper safety measures. I think that the objections raised by Senator Chambers are correct and that there should be appropriate amendments to this bill. I support entirely the concept of providing the safety features. The penalty seems to be totally misdirected.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I certainly agree with Senator Chambers and I think that you drag these children into the chambers, or courts and it leaves a scar in their hearts, and it is not good. It makes bad public relations between the child and the law and it puts them, it gives them a crime record and I don't think that this is needed at all. I certainly agree that the manufactures should probably put this on this bicycle what is needed but lets not drag these kids into court and a...a...unjustly.