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SENATOR SIMPSON: Then they might change the requirements from time to time under that?

SENATOR MARSH: That is true, just as they do in social science, foreign language, chemistry, and all other subjects which are taught in our high schools.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I certainly appreciate Senator Lewis speaking up and talking in favor of my bill this morning, only it's not the one we are discussing and I appreciate his concern with it and starting out getting everyone thinking about it. I would like to have everybody probably should look at what that little simple line says because I think that the members of this body should back this bill without even any question. I don't see why in the world we're concerned and we're afraid to give our children in the rural areas, or the small areas, or whatever small towns they are an opportunity to be instructed and taught by people that are qualified to be drivers education teachers. That's all this bill does. It doesn't say a thing about a drivers license for a child until they are 18. That's another bill. I think that anybody that says they are going to put a hardship on their schools when it comes time to teaching young people with proper instructors, is confused as to what the issue is. I think that everybody should back this bill so that the young people across the State of Nebraska would have the opportunity to be taught by qualified, competent instructors. That's all this does.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: For a change I ask a question of Senator Barnett. Senator Marsh has been rather . . .

SPEAKER: Would you yield Senator Barnett?

SENATOR BARNETT: I always hate to.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Barnett, is there a particular problem that we are addressing here? Senator Marsh says that the accident record is vastly improved under our present system of those who have had drivers training. This is not adding drivers training where it is not. It seems to me the bill is addressing itself to putting under the Department of Education under a blank authority to issue whatever rules and regulations they, may some time in the future, decide. What is our problem? Do we have a failure? Are we in a state of accident with our present driver training system?

SENATOR BARNETT: No, not at the present. You can't say completely. Senator Murphy, your question is a little bit tough to answer because it was quite lengthy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I certainly hope so.

SENATOR BARNETT: The reason that I say it's difficult to answer is because you can't . . . that you want to be specific in each school district. I would assume that across the state we have driver education teachers that are not as qualified for the program, and, therefore, the young people are not getting a proper education in the