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SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just for information purposes, it would seem that what we got so far has been improper information. Now, if you will look at the section which is open, the only thing this section does is apportions the funds to the local schools if their teacher qualifies under the three portions of this, that they should have a valid secondary certificate, three hours of driver's education and three hours of general safety and a course in first-aid. Now if they have this, then the school qualifies for the funds and that, this section, as you will see, talks about section 60-409.02. Now everything I hear on this floor about the requirements to teach is in neither one of these sections. It is in the next section. It is 60-409.04. Now there the State Board of Education already sets the requirements for the teachers and they have all that is necessary to set the requirements right there. In .03, all we are doing is saying, in changing this, is that they can put the requirements there up or down, however they please, for the instructors for compliance for payment of funds, and this is \$30 per pupil, for all those that are taking the course and the State Department of Education will decide whether the instructors have to be better, worse or the same as they are now. So I think we should get away from how good a drivers we are going to have or anything else. The only thing this does, it says, you are going to have to do this or the school is not going to get the funds and we are going to tell you from now on what it is going to be. It is not what it says in that statute.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: If I may borrow a phrase from Senator Warner who in committee has a slogan that he judges most bills by and he claims that out on the farm, if the machinery is running, don't fix it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: After that, I don't think I should ask to say anything but, in any case, I would like to ask Senator DeCamp a question and it is in regard to what Senator Simpson has pointed out and I think...would Senator DeCamp yield please.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes sir.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then, not to challenge Senator Simpson's explanation of the bill but are we then, basically, arguing about who shall control the funds for driver education in this bill?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Schmit, in my final reply, I will go into detail in that but up until the time Senator Simpson spoke, the contents and significance of this bill had not even been touched on and I suspect never even understood by the sponsors and supporters of the bill. The issue here is funding and who is going to determine who gets what money, an issue that has not been addressed at all.

PRESIDENT: Do you choose to respond by way of reply to close debate, Senator?

SENATOR DeCAMP: If there is anybody else wishing to debate,