

schools immediately have to be a part of that whole program because the word is 'shall'.

SENATOR VENDITTE: That is right, Senator, and I can assure you, Senator Koch, that if you were to ask the parents of those students who are attending parochial schools whether or not they wanted a driver education program, I would say 100% of those parents want a driver education program and perhaps this is a way to stimulate this kind of interest into the parochial schools. I don't support the kill motion on the bill. I hope that we will continue to discuss this bill and hopefully its final passage.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to follow up a little bit about what Senator DeCamp said a bit ago. I think when you make a statewide law that it is mandatory that you take driver's training before you can get a license, you are really discriminating against the rural kids. I am not sure about, most of the rural or the small towns do have some sort of a driver's training program but you have to remember that these kids learn to drive very young out on the farm. My kids could handle a car very well from the time they were twelve years old. At the time they were fourteen, of course, they were ready to get a driver's permit in those days. They hauled grain to the granary. They did a lot of things. So they got a lot of expertise that probably is not available to kids in Omaha and Lincoln and some of the larger towns. So I hate to see you try to make it mandatory across the State of Nebraska because I would almost bet that the average kid that is raised on the farm that drives the pickup to irrigate and that brings the grain in from the field can drive better at age fourteen than the kid that has been through driver's training or at least he can drive as well. So I don't think it should be mandatory. I think the bill should be killed.

PRESIDENT: Cullan, Senator Cullan, excuse me.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in strong opposition to Senator Mills kill motion. I don't know if my rural area is so much different than all the rest of the rural areas in the state except maybe it is a little more rural and we have driver education programs in every single high school in the 49th legislative district and I am sure that is true of almost every public high school in the State of Nebraska and we have one parochial school in the 49th legislative district and they work out a very nice agreement where a lot of the kids at the parochial school take driver education programs during the summer and they work it out so that everyone has an opportunity to take driver education. I firmly believe that driver education even for us rural kids who know how to drive so well from the time we are born is a benefit. I didn't take it but I know I wished I had. I didn't have the opportunity but I wished I had and I think it will reduce some of the fatalities that we have on the roads. I think it is incredible that this country accepts as many fatalities as we do and I think it is in the neighborhood of 60,000 a year, isn't it, Senator Marsh, and that is just incredible that we accept 60,000 deaths a year on the highways of this country and now we have an opportunity to do something that may reduce that in some