

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Moore...Senator, I have your other amendment. Senator Moore would move to return the bill for a specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: I will try to be brief here. We have debated the issue extensively here this morning. This amendment is strictly the 19 and younger, mandating helmets for that. I know that there is the education issue that the last amendment was linked to. A couple of people had problems that that had not had a hearing and a couple people had problems with the A bill on that. I think that I have decided to go ahead and run with this amendment in case there are those that had those specific problems and may change their mind. As I said, if this amendment that I now have before the body could be adopted, I, and I think several others, can and will support this bill. We can have a hearing on Senator Smith's education proposal and go about that. If we would adopt this amendment, Senator Lynch, we'd, obviously, have time and Senator Lynch could, if he so desired, draft an amendment that would solve the problem of the garbage men, the policemen and the ATVs, and I think that we have had plenty of discussion, but I think for me and a lot of others this amendment here is indeed the compromise that would allow myself to vote for this bill. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, then Senator Withem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, for my part there need not be any extended discussion of this particular amendment either because the idea was discussed in connection with the other. But I think a political reality has to be observed. There were 23 people who voted to send that bill back to adopt that amendment. Twenty-one voted against it. It takes 25 votes to pass the bill. If the bill does not get 25 votes, it is in very serious trouble and I think that we need to look seriously at all aspects of this issue. Obviously, there was conviction on the part of at least 23 people that the bill in its present form is too broad and reaches too far. If there was concern about the A bill that would be connected with the education requirement and the fact that a bill dealing with that specific issue is in committee and hasn't had a hearing yet, the two items have been decoupled now. This proposal would do nothing other than say that the government is going to intrude only on those 19 years old and under. It is a specific