

amount of money we are going to provide to public schools from \$40 to \$80. This approximately, this approximately would be half of the cost of driver's ed today on the last word we had. There is some people who believe that possibly we ought to take driver's ed out of the schools and put it in the private sector. We also studied that possibility. Some suggested the State Patrol do it. Some suggested others do it. However, we feel that we can justify driver's ed because there are 36 hours of classroom instruction which occur and insurance companies consider these people to be good risks and they give those students who agree to get that diploma, they give them a reduced rate for their insurance premiums, which in addition is a savings to not only parents but to the state as a whole. So the committee brings this to you in good faith and we would appreciate your support. The amount of money which will be appropriated out of general fund is the figure, and I will give it to you in just a second, the amount coming out of general fund would be \$686,400 from the driver's education cash fund to the State Department of Education to carry out the provisions of this law. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think you should pay attention to this bill because it has a heavy fiscal impact. I was not one of those on the Education Committee who agreed to sending this to the floor of the Legislature, and whether you agree or whether you disagree, I think you should be very conscious of the impact and the change in philosophy, change in philosophy that this Legislature is adopting if you, in fact, go along with this bill. Let's go back a minute and make clear exactly what is happening because the end result of what is happening is that you are going to increase general fund expenditures by a minimum of \$700,000 and perhaps considerably more. The reason that that is going to happen is because essentially what is happening with this bill is that that portion of the license and school and learner's permit fees that ordinarily went to the general fund are now being redirected into the driver's education fund for the purposes of helping the public schools with their lid problem. That is the sum and substance of the bill. You would be enacting essentially a lid exemption type bill. Okay, the original philosophy in allocating a portion of these funds to the general fund was that these license fees should make up a portion of the cost of operating a Motor Vehicle Department and a motor vehicle system and the inspection system. How they arrived at the figure of 50% of learner's and school permits I am not sure. We had no background on that in the Education Committee but