

Haberman amendment? Oh, he withdrew it. All right. Now we are back on the bill itself and the next speaker on the bill itself is Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I am a little bit amazed at what is going on here this morning. Undoubtedly some people are not that concerned with highway safety as I had been led to believe they might be. I think that is what we are talking about, and to answer some of Senator Haberman's questions and some of his concerns, as far as rural Nebraska is concerned, if we are going to teach driver education and the public schools out there are teaching driver education and it undoubtedly must be working or the insurance companies wouldn't be giving a discount for those students that have graduated from the courses, I think the insurance companies normally don't do that sort of thing without a good economic reason for it, therefore, it must be working. If we are going to teach it in rural Nebraska, the property taxes are going to go straight through this ceiling if we are going to continue to educate it. This is really dollars from the sales-income tax as Senator Beutler points out although I don't quite agree with that philosophy, it is dollars from the licensing fees is where the money is coming from. It is a use tax. The general fund dollars as Senator Beutler pointed out are simply dollars that the state might have to put in to print the licenses, to administer the...people that administer the licensing program. But the dollars on the local school level that we are attempting to replace with these license fee dollars will be dollars that otherwise have to come from the property taxes, from the school's budget. Now I admit I am a little bit prejudiced in this area. I have got a bill that is attempting to do away with the inspection program in the State of Nebraska and I will tell you we haven't had the hearing for it yet but I will tell you that I have never saw a bit of data for this state or any other state that would indicate that inspection programs have any bearing whatsoever on safety as far as the savings of lives out on the highway and this program is costing the people of the State of Nebraska just for their stickers \$522,000 a year, and also it is a regulation on the people that nobody likes. Well, if it is not doing any good and we don't have any data to indicate that it is, then I would suggest that we save the people of the State of Nebraska with that program five hundred some thousand dollars and include a little bit more and put it in a program that is going to do some good. One more thing, commercial schools might be able to do it in Lincoln and Omaha but commercial schools can't do it in rural Nebraska. We cannot have the private sector teaching driver's education to the small schools of this state. It just would not work. I think