

SENATOR KOCH: They used to come from the automobile dealers and the automobile dealers cooperated totally. However, the automobile dealers today are finding it difficult to give that same privilege and many schools are buying their own cars now for that purpose.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Would you say that if the automobile manufacturers provided the cars at the dealerships and if the dealerships were allowed to hire certified instructors and the money that we would have given or appropriated to the schools would be kind of a supplement to the children that want to learn and be paid to the dealers, so that the dealers would, number one, have the opportunity of instructing children in the proper way to drive, number two, we would be helping an industry that is vitally in need of help today, and, number three, it would give the automobile dealers a chance to show off their own automobiles to the children they are instructing and I think it would help an industry that is kind of on the skids right now, and at the same time because the manufacturers would realize the advantage of using their own cars, they could probably write that off as part of their advertising costs when furnishing the cars to the dealerships. Another question I have, we are teaching swimming in some of the Omaha schools right now, correct?

SENATOR KOCH: That is correct.

SENATOR HIGGINS: If you had to make a choice between teaching a youngster to swim, and I didn't learn until I was 41, and teaching them how to drive, when it comes down to what is the most important, which if you had to make that decision would you forego, teaching them swimming or teaching them driving?

SENATOR KOCH: If you want to give me that choice, I'd rather have them take driver's education, in the best interest of the public, the best interest of the individual and for us as a total society.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Do you think swimming is a part of education that is absolutely necessary to a child in order to get along in life and become a success in life?

SENATOR KOCH: No, not necessarily. I am not the greatest swimmer myself, Senator Higgins, but I will say this in defense of swimming and those schools that offer it is that there is a value to it, and if I have a heart attack tomorrow and I am put on a kind of a rehabilitation program, I will bet you one of the first things my doctor might say to me