

money would still not reduce that going to the county nor would it reduce the state's share. The money would be increased then would then go to the Driver's Education Fund to be given back to the schools, and I want you to know this state put into law driver's education may be taught in public schools. Today 306 schools out of 316 offer drivers' education but they are finding it extremely difficult to continue that program, yet they endorse it in terms of merit and value derived. Senator Beutler, who I appreciate very much, but his point of view in education is primarily two years of Latin, two years of German, all History, all English, and if Senator Beutler wants to talk about costs, let's do it with athletics, one of his favorites was sports when he was in high school, because we subsidize that totally except for a few people buying tickets once in while and that depends oftentimes on schools, how good their team is, how many people they are going to attract. And so, therefore, if we are going to get down to what the values of something might be, we really should repeal driver's education and say the schools will not offer it and let people go find their skills somewhere else, and I assure you there will not be many people taking defensive driving. Why does the state have all their employees take defensive driving? You know why they do...because it reduces the number of incidents of accidents and fatalities and costs. I think it is high time we say to the schools, we believe in this course. We are not going to mandate it but we believe in it and we are going to help you support it. Under a seven percent lid, schools today are looking at programs very seriously. I have a letter from Beatrice and their board of education is saying the seven percent lid is going to cause us to dismantle a good educational program, and if you want to be a part of it, then so be it, but right here in our own community we find it very, very difficult to make decisions on what should be offered and what should not be offered. Let's not argue about dollars, let's talk about the value of the course. If it isn't valuable, let's repeal it right now. If we need to find dollars from other sources, let's raise license fees to \$10. That will solve the problem. With declining enrollments, I would also suggest to you that their dollars might decline as well because schools have got to have the people there and they have to be qualified to take the course before they get that dollar, and you know as well as I do that most of the school districts in this state have declining enrollments, some of them very severely. And the smaller schools are the ones who are having the difficult time handling driver's education, the superintendents were there. Talking about the automobile dealers, they had a chance to appear before us and say, we can offer