

SENATOR LANDIS: No, you do not. The group that met together over the summer numerous times argued that issue and there is only one state that has mandatory training prior to licensure. We felt that there were incentives in the bill that were sufficient and therefore we did not make it mandatory.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Do you anticipate in the future they might make it mandatory that you take the course?

SENATOR LANDIS: Well, we didn't want to make it mandatory at this point because we didn't know how available the training would be throughout the state.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Landis, thank you, that's just my point. Out in the western part of Nebraska if the schools choose not to offer the course, there won't be enough people for a commercial outfit to offer the course, and if it is ever mandated that you have to take the course to get a license, then we are in trouble. Where in the populace areas, in the City of Omaha and the cities there will be enough people who buy bikes and ride bikes that possibly there will be a private outfit offer the course and/or the schools. So the reason I asked the question and Senator Landis just said they didn't consider it this year but possibly in the future or next year they will consider making it mandatory and when you make it mandatory you are going to hurt these sparsely populated parts of the State of Nebraska. This is opening up the door. This is slipping it in, having the course, it's self-sufficient, it's being paid for by the license and it just looks beautiful. This bill just is fine, it isn't taking tax dollars and...but you have got to look on down the road. You've got to look down the road two years or a year or three years and see what happens to bills like these and others if it's mandated. Now it's mandated that you have to take a driver's license course to get a driver's license, or to take an exam, and to drive, and they offer driver's education in schools. It's up to \$80 a head now I believe. There is nothing to say that this some day wouldn't go on the tax rolls, and I believe that we are just opening up Pandora's Box, and personally I would like to have us not advance this bill and just take another look at it. Thank you, Mr. President.

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SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I just have a couple of questions for Senator