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Senator Cope, Senator Vickers and Senator Goll.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this bill, of course, was heard before the Education Committee of which I am a member, and I will have to state at the outset that I have serious reservations about the bill, not that there are any concerns about safety, I mean there are concerns about motorcycle safety. This is a very dangerous form of transportation. I think we all realize that. But the problem comes through the manner in which this education would be offered. In the first place, I am not sure that this is a real viable function of the schools as we hear more and more about the problems of the schools and how they get farther and farther away from the very essential educational processes, and although this program is supposed to be financially selfsupporting, it still, I believe, puts an added burden on those schools which would opt to take part of the system. Now the other part of it is that this by the very nature of this program it will be available in some parts of the state, it will not be available in other parts of the state. So we have the old problem of some people subsidizing other people in the state. There are certain...out at Kearney and I am sure Senator Cope will speak to this, they have the facilities that probably can be adapted to this sort of a program, but those are very limited around the state. The number of places where this will be offered will be minimal, I believe, and so the number of people who will be able to take advantage of the training will also be minimal, and so you have, in effect, other people in other areas of the state subsidizing the program for those people who happen to be in a situation where they can take advantage of it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, a question of Senator Landis.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis, do you yield?

SENATOR COPE: Senator Landis, one slight correction to begin. You mentioned Kearney State and this is the Nebraska State Safety Center.

SENATOR LANDIS: That's right.

SENATOR COPE: That is working with motorcycle safety as well as other types of safety.