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But I, myself, from my own experience have seen in the insurance business that Driver's Education does produce a majority of better drivers. I am not saying everyone that takes Driver's Ed is a model driver, but I am saying the majority of them that take it are more careful in their driving and they do drive, like Senator Koch said, looking more from the defensive standpoint than anything else. You are always going to have the wild bunch, but let's face it, we have got a wild bunch sometimes in their forties and their fifties too. That is why we have debated drunken driving around here. So I just wanted to make these points....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR HIGGINS:for clarification for those senators who are considering this amendment seriously. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would just comment first during the course of the last Appropriation Committee meetings in November and December one of the items we did discuss was the possible elimination of the Driver Education together with the appropriate legislation that ought to be introduced, wouldn't have to be but ought to be introduced repealing it, and there was, as I recall, there was one or two members in the committee that thought that it was perhaps appropriate but after long debate we decided that....the majority of us at least that the Driver Education was beneficial, it ought to be retained and the funding in the bill provides a full 12-month funding which is a slight increase over last year but only because last year it was not a full 12 months. I would readily acknowledge that Vocational Education is again important but I think it would be inappropriate to adopt this amendment without also repealing the legislation calling for Driver Education with the full discussion that that ought to have. So I would oppose Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: We have an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would move to amend the Beutler amendment to LB 761 by striking the first paragraph of that amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I am picking up on Senator Haberman's suggestion. His....as