

until four o'clock in the morning, nor would they have had a car beyond a certain point. So Driver's Education shouldn't be the scapegoat. Not only that but you can go on to read and it says one area of big trouble for teens and driving is alcohol and drugs. I heard that going home on the radio last night, that here in the State of Nebraska in a most recent report that there are a great number of young people who have died in fatalities and many of them in greater Nebraska, excessive speed, late at night and possibly some an alcohol related death. That was on Nebraska's scene. But in no case should you use Driver's Education as a scapegoat. Not only that but the money that comes into this state for Driver's Education comes from license fees. The increase was made on that basis. There is a slop-over of that money in the general fund. It is not all used, so the general fund is getting money from the license fees. It doesn't come out of sales, income and corporate tax. Not at all. This is...again we are deceiving the public. We are also deceiving the public schools and I can't believe Senator Beutler who is a great supporter of Lincoln Public Schools where they have a considerable Driver's Education program and I just walked by one yesterday going down in front of the Capitol, one of the cars said "Student Driver, Lincoln Public Schools". Those people haven't been put on notice. All of a sudden here by a frivolous action this morning you are going to take away those dollars and many of those programs that Senator Higgins mentioned are summer course. They have already enrolled and Westside has one of the largest Driver's Ed programs that includes private students as well. In fact, they have to hire extra instructors in the summertime to take care of it. So I am saying to you, if you want to review Driver's Ed and this committee did...Education did just a year ago, then I think it is more appropriate as Senator Marsh indicated that next year there be a hearing for study to determine whether or not the public schools in the state believe they want to continue in the business of offering Driver's Education, what merits and what values it may or may not have. Then if we decide we are going to do away with Driver's Education, then we ought to also lower the fees on driver's license and put it back to where it was because that is what we told the public how we were going to use that money. So I reject Senator Johnson's amendment and Senator Beutler's amendment, and of all the people I can't believe Senator Johnson who has such empathy for poor...for the poor and he knows in the Omaha area that there are a lot of poor youngsters who take Driver's Education and the reason they can is because it is supported through this fund and through the cost of the district itself. But he would deny those young people who are poor and underprivileged in terms of economics the privilege of learning