

think Senator Landis has some points of view that maybe deserve some consideration. He has yet to convince me that they are worthy of that, but they are definitely valid. I urge us to advance the bill and give the balance of my time to Senator Schmit.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lynch. I'm sorry, Senator Schmit, approximately four minutes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Speaker and members, I agree with what Senator Moore has said and particularly Senator Lamb and others and Senator Robak. I'm amazed also that this bill takes so much time. There has not been a problem, there was never a problem with these drivers on the road until there was a change in the Department of Motor Vehicles. Something which ought to have been taken care of by a phone call has become a major point of contention and a major point of division on this floor. I don't believe that any of us had tried to promote those individuals who are not safe on the highway and Senator Landis raises the question as to whether or not they are required to take a driving test. It is my understanding that the drivers' license examiner can require that which he deems necessary to convince him or her that a person is safe on the highway. If they cannot meet that kind of examination, that person will be denied a license. We have every reason to have confidence in those examiners. I have not found them to be persons who have wantonly allowed people to drive on the highway and I have from time to time had them come to me in regard to a constituent who wanted to drive and told me very frankly that the person would be contacting me to get him a driver's license. And I have always said, you know, the final decision rests with the examiner. If that person thinks that one of us is not qualified to drive, then we ought not to drive. These individuals themselves would not want to drive if they were not qualified. And there was a question on the floor as to the peripheral vision of these individuals and I want to point out again, at that time I said that is easily solved by turning their heads, the same as the rest of us do, and it isn't quite the same thing and I don't want to be facetious about it, but the point is this. These people are responsible people, they have a responsible driving record. You can pick any one of us out and the older I get, the more cognizant I am of my vulnerability. But I would hope that my good friend, Senator Haberman, would recognize that also. Rex, we're not getting any younger. The point I want to make is that these people have a legitimate,