

that cost. With 336 you're basically saying it's a good idea, but it's something the state is not willing to pay for, something we're not going to make the school districts pay for, but we're going to make the parents and the individual people pay for it. And I guess what caused me discomfort is that I don't know, I mean, 80 to 100 dollars, I had...it was easier for me to come up with when I was 17 than it probably is now, in some ways, unfortunately. But there are a lot of cases out there where there are families and there are children that need to drive to go to work, or for whatever reason, they may not have the money to do this. Now, the other thing you can hope for is we, here in statute, could mandate that schools do it, if it's something we want to have done, we can mandate that schools do it, we don't necessarily have to pay for it, they will squeal somewhat loud about that, and I understand that. But the other thing is, if this is something we want to do as a state, why not just say it. Why not just say we are going to mandate schools do this. Why not say that schools have to pay for it, or we're going to help you pay for it, or something like that. Well with LB 336 everybody accomplishes the goal without making a tough stance on how to pay for it, that's going to come later when those individuals and families start paying the bill and our phones start ringing. I think we should at least think about it before we move ahead. And, if it's a really a good idea, it's something we should mandate schools do, and something that we should, as a state, maybe contemplate picking up some portion of the cost. And so, with that philosophically free association done, I'll sit down. But think about this bill. When that bill goes into effect September 1 your phone will start ringing. You better at least think about an answer for those people.

FRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Beutler, do you wish to speak on the amendments? Okay. Senator Nelson, do you wish to speak on the amendments?

SENATOR NELSON: I guess the bill or the amendments. I, too, have some great reservations on this bill, having sat in the Education Committee. This came to the Education Committee a few years back. And, basically, I guess it come down to budget cuts and who pays for what. I know that I could produce all sorts of records, and all sorts of good things from the driver's safety course. The driver's safety course helps all of us whether we be applying for a commercial driver's license, or when any one of us on this body would go in to get a new license. It helps us tremendously to go through that book and somewhat refresh our