

SENATOR SMITH: Okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I mean those are...would be the accumulation.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, thank you, I appreciate that.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President and members, I'd like to voice my support for this bill. I won't stand here and try to reiterate all the things that Senator Kristensen has said, I probably couldn't if I wanted to. But it is a good bill, and I think it will make our young people more responsible. I think our young people want to be more responsible. I think we have probably taken some of the means to be more responsible out by making availability of our driver ed courses a little lax in recent years. I think by passing this bill we will convey to our young people that we want them to be more responsible, and I think they will react accordingly. I share some of Senator Moore's concern. The money might not be available, but I think we need to put our priorities in order, and what better way to invest in the country than to invest in our young people. I think with this it will work. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to respond to Senator Robinson's request for percentage of people that are in driver's education right now, as compared to what they were. Before we made the cuts there were 89 percent of the students in the State of Nebraska taking driver's education during the year. We're now at 58 percent. We're moving down the percentage of people.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. If I could just continue real quick, I didn't read my writing, Senator Robinson, it was 55 instead of 58, just to make sure the record is accurate. Thank you

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Does anyone else wish to debate the Kristensen amendment? Seeing none, do