

else wishing to debate the amendment, Senator Beutler, do you have closing?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I would just remind you again quickly what the amendment does. It takes one portion of the bill, that portion that requires that, if you lose a certain number of points, you need to go back for driver's education, a driver's education course. And it says that that portion of the bill will apply not just to those who are not yet 18, but it will apply to any driver who has driven poorly and violated the rules and lost that same number of points. When you're dealing with a bill of this nature you start to get into the idea that one age group or another is more or less important and should be treated differently. And I suppose some...sometimes there are times when we come to that conclusion. Although, I'm always bothered by singling out any particular age group, and I'm bothered by singling out young people. But this amendment doesn't attack the whole bill. This amendment bar...simply says, with regard to those that haven't followed the law, why should we treat somebody older any differently than we should treat a young person? Why should we say to someone that's 26 years old that you have to lose 12 points before you take driver's education but, if you're 17, you only have to lose 6 points. Seems to me with regard to those who are violating the law that we ought to get them all back there to take driver's education. What's good for one group is good for the other. We're dealing merely with that portion of the bill which has to do with remedial driver's education. And I suggest to you again that it may be even more important, since with regard to older persons they may never have had a driver's education course. Whereas, younger people, by and large, at least a large number of them, have already had the driver's education course. So that's the force and effect of the amendment. And I suggest to you that, if you want to retain the Legislature's credibility with young people, that you ought to take a close look at this amendment, because this amendment makes the singling out of that age group more reasonable, insofar that you have done so. But to single them out on this particular provision, I think, is wrong. And I would ask for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We will now vote on the Beutler amendment to LB 336. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.