

they can pay for the car, but they need the car so they can get to work. The first priority should be that you need to safely learn how to operate that motor vehicle and today in school we have all sorts of requirements and we say we've got to make them computer literate; they've got to learn to read and write; they've got to be able to express themselves; they've got to be able to do all those other things. But do you know what is the single most important thing that a student does in their adult life is drive that motor vehicle every day. It's probably the most dangerous event they do every day of their life. And so what do we do? Where do we put our priorities? Drivers education does a lot of other things. What does it center on? Well, this year you're also going to see bills dealing with drunk driving. You're going to see bills with seat belts. Most of these things are mandated because had when the people who began to drive learned these things, maybe we wouldn't have these problems today with some of the other mandated legislation. Students in these driver's courses learn the value of seat belts, they learn the value of defensive driving, it is reinforced about drinking and driving, all those things at the beginning of when they start their adult life and driving. Talked to a number of students. We've had Kristensen's Day at the Capitol, we've had several groups come down and when we talked to the kids about what about driving; the majority of them have no problem with that. It's a matter of responsibility. Where is your first priority? Is the first priority getting that job so you can make the car payment or should the first priority be being able to safely operate that motor vehicle with those of us on the road? The bill also, it has been amended if you're looking at your green copy, we have taken out the provisions for taking a driver update or driver improvement course after you've had two accidents within the period of a year, but if you are under age 18 and you have had a total of three moving violations or an accumulation of six or more points, then you'll be required to be take a driver improvement course because it's those first couple of years that testimony of the committee showed that most of these people had their accidents and had some of the problems. And so this was a way to monitor those first few years. One of the other arguments that you may hear is, well, why shouldn't that apply to everyone? Well, maybe in the ideal world it should, but the emphasis that we have here is on the first years of driving. It's that initial out of the box trip onto the road. I learned to drive in a field when I was probably about 10 years of age and there is going to be people who are going to say, well, you