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is nothing magic about age 17. There are a number of other states in the Union that do that. Those states, the ages are usually 18...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...in which to get your driver's license unless you've taken driver's safety. Most of our surrounding states have done this as well. There is a wide variety of funding mechanisms, but I believe that the pay as you go and the individual payments that you make for a driver, the first thing that you should do is, one, have insurance; two, you ought to take a driver's safety course to get a good start, learn about all the things that we have problems with and, to me, this also goes hand in hand with our drunk driving legislation we will see later this year. With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions and as we go along the morning, would ask for your adoption of LB 336. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLEPK: Mr. President, Senator Bernard-Stevens had filed a motion last year to indefinitely postpone LB 336. The bill was laid over at that time. That motion is now pending.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll just speak briefly on the bill. This is a motion that was filed last session so Senator Kristensen and I were both chatting on, (a), what the bill was and why we did what we did. The motion to kill was filed last session. It was not a friendly motion. It was one that I did not want the bill to advance if the Legislature at least agreed with the feeling. My reason for wanting to kill the bill is as is following. For two years I sat on the Education Committee and for two years we were hit very hard by people throughout the state wanting us to fund the Drivers Ed Program and because the state for years had funded all of the Drivers Ed Programs and when it came to budget cuts times when revenues became tight we reduced significantly, I suspect the reduction was almost to zero, the state aid for driver's education. And the state's philosophy at that point and the state's philosophy now was that the state did not need to fund these particular programs if they were desirable at the