

mandate would try then to open up the courses again, to hire the instructors, to mandate the teaching of driver's ed, school budgets would have to indicate that and divert from well-meaning and good educational programs to help fund the driver's ed system. That's, in my judgment, what is trying to be done here and I reject that. We, as a state, have said to ourselves, this is not something the state should mandate particularly because by doing it in this manner means the schools are going to have to do so. They can do it now if there is a demand. They have chosen not to do so because it is not a high priority and we would be causing many good programs, in my opinion, to suffer because they would have to find funds from somewhere and, in my judgment, is not something that the state should be doing at this particular time and so I ask that the...I filed a motion to kill to keep the bill from advancing and that's the reason for the bill. Senator Kristensen, I'd be willing, if people wanted to discuss it, they can discuss it on my kill motion. I don't have any problems of giving...of pulling the kill motion to give you a vote on the bill or keeping it in this manner. I think, for the time being, I'll keep the kill motion up, see how the discussion goes and we can talk about it in concept that way and if we get to a vote on this or we throw out a vote on the bill, we can work that out. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. On the motion to indefinitely postpone, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Kristensen, would you answer some questions, please?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen, would you respond, please?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I received a phone call from a Mr. Darrel Jensen who is the head of the Nebraska safety "dealy whopper" in Grand Island...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That would be the safety center in Kearney.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Oh, that's right, I apologize for that. Does the bill still say that if you have driver's ed, you can get your license at 16? In other words, you have to wait till 17 if you don't take driver's ed? Is that still in the bill?