

come in and place...in the guise of placing an obligation on young people a force to put driver's education back into the curriculum, I think is an incorrect approach to take. For years, the industry would come into the Education Committee with a bill increasing funding for driver's education or a bill mandating driver's education be taught, those bills never got out of the Education Committee. This is an attempt to do somewhat the same thing that was done before and whether it will mandate it this year or whether it will just be the beginning of a progression of the pressure on local school districts that they are forced to come up with driver's education, I don't know, but that will be the inevitable trend. What we really need to be doing in terms of school curriculum, I think, is making some decisions about what needs to be in the core curriculum and not passing legislation like this that is going forcing school districts, through the back door, to create a program that the local citizens may not be supporting. For that reason, and I will be supporting the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, the statement was made we're not denying anyone a driver's license, that it's a safety issue. Who decided that 16 years of age is a proper age to get a license? What is so magic about 16? I think it's 17 in California. So what's so magic about if you take this test or this course, you can get one at 17? I mean, we're just throwing figures around. Senator Kristensen did a good job of explaining everything but he skipped over the discounts that the insurance companies are giving. Now let's take a step further. We're saying to the schools, feed breakfasts to the students. We're saying to the schools, feed lunch to the students. We're saying to the schools, you're involved in the abortion issue now, send these forms out. And schools are involved in child care centers in schools. We're laying everything upon the school; school, do this; school, do that; school, do this. I don't think that's right. I don't think that's right. I don't feel the school has any business being in the driver's education program. It isn't...you don't have to have it to graduate. But if there is so many things that we're laying on the schools and then we're saying that it's \$80 per cost per student for the schools to pay that. I've been told it's 125. So it's a bad bill, it's a bad bill. There is a lot of confusion over it. I'm still going to support the kill