

Senator Wesely and Senator Morrissey. Senator Byars, we're just missing Senator Wesely. Can we proceed with the roll call? Senator Byars has requested a roll call vote. We are voting on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 382-83 of the Legislative Journal.) 34 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. I will raise the call but I encourage members to stay close to the Chamber. We shouldn't have to have a call of the house for voting to cease debate. Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just briefly, Mr. President. Senator Kristensen was right in many aspects but one in particular, his bill does not say that it will mandate driver's ed in schools. It does not say that and I want the body to realize it does not say that nor do I say that it says it directly in the bill. What I'm talking about is the after effects of what happens when we do things in the body, what is its natural reaction? And the natural reaction in this particular case is going to be that if we, the Legislature, mandate this...by the way, we go ahead and let a driver's permit out, you can go student learner or whatever it's called, a student permit when they're 14, they don't have to have a driver's ed but we're going to go ahead and wait till 16, but if we mandate the driver's ed portion of it, then you're going to have people, not because they feel they want to, not because they need to, whether or not they can afford it or not is not going to be the question, but they have to by state mandate and they're going to have to get that driver's ed course somewhere and, traditionally, that has always been in the schools and that is where the demand will be again. There is a driver's safety center and it is in Kearney and I am sure they are a good intention and they'd go as far as the many places that they could but they would not be able to handle a statewide mandate. So it will go to the schools as it always has. And, Senator Bohlke was correct in one aspect, but I think it needs to be broadened just a little bit. There are fees that people would pay but it does not, at least in my opinion from the experience I have had, it does not cover costs of simulators and it certainly is not going to cover the cost of faculty members with the benefits and what have you. The fees help offset but the schools do have to come up with funds. You know it's true because when we cut funding, if it was not cost