

high school or a mile and a half can get a school permit to drive simply because they are residing out of the first class city. What my bill would do or my amendment would do, and it does not address Omaha and Lincoln. The amendment reads that on line 15...page 15, line 7 strike "nearest highway" and insert "most direct route". And on line, if you follow in the bill...in your bill, on page 15, line 10, it would cross out where it addresses outside a city of metropolitan or primary class and, as you know, that is Lincoln and Omaha and would cross out "first class" and it would read, or attends a school which is outside a city of the metropolitan or primary class, and again would cross out "first class". On line 11, I addressed and on line 12 the same thing. Basically this is the reason. It's just very difficult for single parents and I don't think Grand Island is that difficult and Hastings would not be. I'm not sure about North Platte's regulations but those students simply could not get a, as it is now, a driver's permit and that's all my amendment would do. It's very simple and very plain and, as I say, it does not address Lincoln or Omaha where they do have a little more speed or the foot feed gets a little bit heavier or a lot of those students are not maybe as used to driving as rural students are. With that, that's all the amendment does and it does pertain to the first class cities and would allow those students to get a driver's permit and again, as I say, if you live in northwest high school district or Adams Central in Hastings, you can get a driver's permit no matter if you're within a mile and a half or so of the school but if you're in the city, you cannot and that's what my amendment would do. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson, for the opening. Are there any persons wishing to discuss Senator Nelson's amendment? Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Is it, Mr. President? Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Nelson, I guess we haven't had a chance to visit or discuss about this amendment and if...I just want to understand the amendment before I address it. The real thrust of your amendment is to allow everyone who lives in basically a city of less than 100,000 the ability to drive to and from school. Is that right?

SENATOR NELSON: Correct, the most direct route.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: In the most direct route. The problem is