

educational system and that's what the driver's education program is, it's an enhancement. And if we're going to mandate driver's education to the 16-year-olds in the state, I think that everybody should take it and not just the very few that get their names in first and making them pay themselves. Sometimes there's a great hardship. And that's all I will say because it...I'm repeating myself with Mr. Scott Moore's amendment and that's to provide driver's education training and we fund it through the 1059 funding. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Haberman, did you wish to speak to this amendment?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, if you will look on page 2 of the amendment, it lays out the criteria that a teacher will have to teach driver's education. Then in Section 4 it says the State Board of Education shall establish minimum requirements. Well, which is it, the State Board of Education or the criteria in the bill? It lays out two different things to do. It's not...I wouldn't say it's very clear and it says also the teacher must have six hours of behind-the-wheel instructions. It is costly. It's going to be awfully costly to the schools. This bill has two criteria in it that the teacher should do. I think that's wrong so I ask that we do not approve the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President, members, LB 1059, when it was passed and those of us in our communities who felt that it would be a good bill, the criticism we heard about it was we will find a way to spend that money. You say that you're going to do this but we know you're going to find a way to spend that money. And although Senator Robak said it was to enhance education, when we talked about it in our community we talked about the fact that it was to equalize the amount of money being distributed to students, number one; and, number two, that it was for property tax relief. And I think if we start to chip away at those funds, all those people are going to say, we knew exactly that's what you would do. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Seeing no other lights, Senator Robak, would you like to close?

SENATOR ROBAK: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Bohlke,