

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the committee amendments. (Chambers amendment appears on page 1190 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I will read what the amendment says, and this amendment goes to the white copy which is the committee amendments, at page 2, after line 13, add in capital letters, "OPTIONAL - YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ANSWER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:" I've talked to Senator Hillman about this and she does not object and I will tell you why I would like this language there. It may not be inappropriate for the state to try to facilitate the activity of organ donation, but if that is to be done, in my opinion it should not be done in the context of a person filling out an application for a driver's license. When young people, because now we're saying it can be somebody below the age of 19 will come for the purpose of obtaining a driver's license, the furthest thing from that person's mind, I believe, is being questioned or solicited to donate organs or the entire body. So rather than try to have that taken off the application form at this time, because I doubt that the sentiment is here for that, I at least would like to make it clear that a person does not, while filling out this application, have to answer these questions one way or the other. It is not necessary in order to obtain a driver's license to answer these questions. Certainly we would not want to give the impression that a person would be benefited by answering these questions in the affirmative. I also am disturbed about reducing the age from 19 to 16 when this information about donating organs can appear on the driver's license. That is an entirely separate and distinct issue from what I'm dealing with. All I'm offering at this point is language that says that answering these questions about donating your organs is optional. I'd have to ask Senator Hillman a question if I may. Senator Hillman, I only placed this amendment on page 2 and that there is another place where this type of language appears but it talks about a certification and I don't know if that's in the same line as filling out an application for a driver's license. Is it?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Where's the other part? You'd said another part, another...