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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, when they are under 16 they don't need a license at all right now.

SENATOR HALL: Right, but my point is then why not have 16, up until 16 you can buy this reduced rate which would then have more people who would buy those combination licenses?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's the way it is now.

SENATOR HALL: But not at the reduced rate.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right, not at the reduced rate. That's a suggestion that we could make...

SENATOR HALL: And that's my point. My point is...

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's a question that can be asked.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Hall, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I don't know whether I'm for or against or in between on this bill. I just want to make some comments. Some of you probably have participated like I have in lifetime memberships in certain things and then now find 15 or 20 years later we appreciate your interest, but now we need more money, and I'm only raising this, I think this is interesting. I wish there was more information available, and as I understand it, there may not even be more information available. It's kind of a guess, so I guess I'm simply urging caution. I think I probably will support it, but I am a little uncertain as to what the positive effects of this may well be long term. They are making some estimates. One of the figures I have is 1 percent may participate. It may bring some money in early which, of course, they probably do need the money at this point and that's fine. The real gamble is long-term will that amount of reduced income from those licenses down the road be detrimental to the long-term effect on this fund. Perhaps it will raise the license fees for others down the road in order to make this continue to operate, at least make this fund. So I wish there were a few more answers to the questions that I think I have and some others have and so I'm a little uncertain as to what to do. I think I'm going to try to find out more about this between now and Select File to see if