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PRESIDENT ROBAK: The chair recognizes Senator Coordsen to open on his amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. This amendment was one that I drafted on the floor last year at the time that we were going through this and whether or not I continue with this amendment is dependent upon a question that I'm going to be asking of, I believe from listening to the opening on the bill, Senator Fisher. I was looking at this and I'm aware of how we started in the mandatory bow hunter education system and the requirement for fundamentally every person who wanted to hunt with a bow and arrow to have to go through a safety education course. But when I got looking through the first section which is, as I understand, Senator Fisher's bill, I see that the...where it may have provided for under the age of 16 throughout the 3...well, it's just a couple of pages, that has been chained (sic) to "born on or after January 1, 1977." At that time last session, I became to concern (sic) as to whether this was, in fact, their intention because...and I certainly would welcome being corrected on this, but it would appear to me under the current language that, as we move through the years, that we would be coming into a situation where we weren't talking about people that were 16 years of age or under but rather, over a period of time, all hunters, because when we put in statute "born on or after" that every day that goes by those people become a day older so we move up in the age and one year we'll be 17 years of age, the next year 18. Senator Fisher, is that your intentions with this language that, for an example, just to use the first page, line 5, "For the purpose of establishing and administering a mandatory firearm hunter education program for persons born on or after January 1, 1977," it is...is it the intent of this bill that every person over a period of time would be required to have the mandatory firearm safety education, or did you intend just to continue speaking to those who are 16 years of age or less?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: It would have been similar to the hunter safety course and it's only designed to continue for those young hunters that are out there now beginning to hunt.