

SENATOR COORDSEN: What would your interpretation be of the language that's included in Section 1 relative to the dates?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I think this is the question that needs to be decided. Game and Parks has come to the opinion that everybody who hunts really ought to have some training because you don't know, whether they're 40 or 16 or 12, when they pick up a shotgun or they pick up a high-powered rifle you don't know what kind of training they've had. They think everybody should have some training. They're trying to do it in such a way that it doesn't upset society generally to move to a situation where everybody has some training and I think that, honestly, was Game and Parks' intent, and I can't speak for Senator Fisher's intent. He's spoken for himself. But what was in the bill and what Game and Parks' intent is to eventually require some education for everybody by one year at a time, setting that date and, as the years pass, eventually, everybody will be required to have that education in order to get a permit. That's the philosophy. If you're of the philosophy that really these...this education for these high-powered rifles and shotguns ought to apply only to those who are 16 and under, then your amendment is the right approach. That's the question we need to decide.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I, at the time of drafting this amendment, I wanted to get and visit with you, but it was one of those things that disappeared. Well, I think, Madam President, members of the body, then based upon that explanation by Senator Beutler, which I believe to be how the Section 1 would read, I am going to let this amendment then stand and let the body decide whether we want to continue with the current language or the current practice which is requiring the various educational programs under...16 years in age, under, or if we want to create a situation where, through gradual evolution, all hunters, no matter what type of weapon they might be use, would have to have a hunter safety education course at some time before they could get whatever the permit was. I think it's one of those issues, given the number of people who are accustomed to the current system, I think maybe we ought to take a little more in-depth look at this at this time. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Beutler to speak to the Coordsen amendment.