

exempts people that are currently holders of hunting licenses and permits if they're properly documented and have the proper stamps to continue to do so as long as they wish, but, just as it's been explained, over a period of years then we reach the point where 50, 80, whatever it takes, I don't know if there's very many 100-year-old hunters out there, but they would all have participated in a hunter safety course. I would say that any individual...that individuals who are interested in and continue to participate in hunting and pass that tradition on to their children or to their friends and neighbors they will, of course, be aware of this requirement and, as these young people evolve into people that like the outdoors and do hunting activities, they will as a matter of course take these safety courses. I feel that it's not a burden on anyone and support that notion. Therefore, though I hate to say so, Senator Coordsen, I'm going to be red on your amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes. Madam President, members, I guess in listening to this debate and being involved with the hunter safety education for many years want to address a question to either Senator Beutler or Senator Fisher. I think either one of them maybe can answer this. But using this 1977 date, do you feel that this was put in there because of wanting everybody to eventually have the hunter safety course and also partially because of out-of-state hunting? If you go to some states now, I believe Colorado's one of them and possibly Wyoming, it doesn't make any difference whether you're 16 or 60, you have to have a hunter safety certificate and do you think this is why this was originally put into this amendment?

SENATOR FISHER: Let me answer. Yes, I do, and I, absolutely, when I spoke before to Senator Coordsen I was a little bit in error. I didn't find my notes and they were in Bill 98, but this bill does provide and I think it is the intention that all people do have hunting training courses after. I think 48 of the 50 states have mandatory hunter education, 26 have "born after" clauses in their requirement, 12 states require hunter education for the first time for all licensed buyers, so I do think that it was the intent that they...that everybody has a training and a hunter's safety certificate. I was focused, I have interest more in the younger people beginning the hunting,