

any problem connected with...see, we're moving from 16 to 19 years of age now, isn't that correct, for mandatory? The original 1977 date came from the bow hunting statutes which were reflective of a January 1, '93, starting date, which made a person a minimum of 16 years of age. So I don't think there's any problem that have been created by raising the minimum age from 16 to 19. My assumption would be that most of the hunters in that age group would have been those that have taken the safety training course, but if there's some comment on that little gap in there you can use what's left of my time. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Is there any further discussion of the Coordsen amendment? Seeing none, Senator Coordsen to close.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I don't disagree with the comments of any of the other members of the body, but I do know that this makes, in spite of the comments about the various hunter organizations being in favor of that, there is a tremendous number of people in all of our districts that don't belong to any organization and I do know that, at least to the best of my knowledge, that people are familiar with the first-time hunter who's under 16, because most of our communities have hunter education/bow hunter education established some place, at least one or more places within the county for those purposes. Just wanted to make sure that in light of what's...what this will evolve into, and I don't disagree with that, that we go on record as supporting specifically a change which has been traditional from 16 on down other than in the bow hunting course to the January 1, '97 (sic)...or '77 birth date, on or after. So, with that, I would appreciate you vote whatever it is that you wish. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. The question before the body is the adoption of the Coordsen amendment to the first section of the committee amendments to LB 584. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 2 ayes, 15 nays on adoption of that amendment to that portion of the committee amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Coordsen amendment fails. We return to a