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very simple, straightforward bill that carries Nebraska into addressing the problems of the accidents caused by personal watercraft and irresponsible operation. It provides for education. It is the least restrictive approach that I could come up with that is yet both effective and I believe takes a large step in addressing the problem. As you may remember, in the past there have been different attempts to address this issue. I remind the body in 1997 a bill was introduced that would have taken three-fourths of 1 percent of Nebraska's annual total gasoline tax revenue, which would amount to about \$1.4 million. This would take money away from the highway...that would have taken money away from the Highway Trust Fund. There has been different attempts over the years. I believe this is a scaled back practical approach. In fact, regarding, if I may, talk about the funding of this program, half of it will be coming from the United States Coast Guard. So even the funding pattern I believe has been addressed. This is a straightforward bill. I think it is needed. There is a danger out there, and I think this goes a long way to start addressing the problem. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. To open on the committee amendments, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, basically, the committee followed the recommendations of Game and Parks. If you want to follow along with me, the committee amendments, on page 3, line 4, strikes beginning with "swimming" in lines 4 through line 6 and inserts "in the water, and a bridge structure, any watercraft or sewage pump-out facility." I could go on further but, basically, we tried to refine the bill and make it a better bill. The committee amendments I believe do that, and it does add the emergency clause.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. For discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. For a couple of years I have introduced a similar bill to this to regulate the use of jet skis. My bills have not advanced in the past because it was perceived that they