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because it further clarifies Section 7 that in order to tow a person on skis, kneeboards, or inflatable crafts, it must be a recommendation of the manufacturer as well, and I think that clarifies that very well. The...do the same restrictions in this bill apply to the operation of a regular boat? Would the...are there already existing statutes that pertain to driving a regular boat?

SENATOR HILGERT: I'm sure they're similar. I don't have them in front of me to compare and contrast exactly. Certainly we used some of the statutes originally. This has been around for a few years, this effort. But I believe most of them are already...yeah, I'm not going to answer that, Senator. I'm not exactly sure how they compare and contrast the present operating standards. My goal was simply to provide regulation in this area.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, thank you. I have some concerns about the bill applying only to personal watercraft when a lot of accidents happen due to the open prop of a regular boat. Now if the same items pertain to the operation of a regular boat, I think, you know, we can discuss these things, but I feel that a lot of the safeguards on personal watercraft, there is not even an open prop. There is a protected area so that a limb cannot even enter the area where the power is generated to propel the boat. I think...I just have some great concerns over this and I am looking into this further and hopefully we can come out with a good policy here. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Price on the committee amendments.

SENATOR PRICE: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the body, I would like to speak to this, the Standing Committee amendments, and to the bill. My son and his wife did have a jet ski, and after enjoying it a number of summers, due to very close calls with motorboats coming up to the vehicle and some very, very close calls, they decided they would sell their jet ski before an injury occurred. And I do believe because of the speed of the jet skis, you know they can move real fast, particularly people are, you know, just having a real good time with it, but also the person that was offending them and coming