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SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Schrock, your light is the only light on. Would you like to close or use your time?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, I'd just like to bring a little facts to what's going on here. In 1998, the Game and Parks reported 44 accidents with jet skis. That doesn't mean there wasn't more accidents, but they reported 44, and the average age of the people involved in this, the average age of the operator was 23 years old. So this isn't necessarily kids causing the trouble. And I think a lot of cases alcohol could be involved and that compounds the problem. I had the fortune, good fortune of growing up with my parents owning a cabin at Johnson Lake. Johnson Lake is in my legislative district. Harlan County Reservoir is in my legislative district. It's the second largest lake in the state, and I believe Johnson Lake has the most cabins on it of any lake in the state, so this affects my constituents a lot. I think the training course is good, but it's not only kids that are having a problem with this. My sons both have jet skis. There's two types. Basically, one is a stand-up or you ride on your knee. The other one you straddle, and the one that you straddle is becoming the more popular ones and they are the ones that are getting the huge horsepower, and you can buy one of these jet skis now with 155 horsepower. My sons' jet skis are, I believe, about 50 and 70 horsepower and I think the first one we owned was probably about 25 horsepower. So jet skis are changing and they are changing fast. I think it's appropriate that we do have this course for those who are 14 and younger who want to ride. I would tell you this. It is a great source of recreation if handled properly and I can tell you that young people do enjoy it. And I would hate to take away the privileges altogether of the young people who want to ride jet skis, but at some point in time, these things are getting fast enough and big enough that we have to have some...some form of regulation. If the horsepower on jet skis didn't exceed 25 miles an hour or didn't exceed 25 horsepower like about the first ones that came out, we wouldn't be here today probably. But everything has to be bigger and faster and better, so that's why we're here. That will conclude my remarks.