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LB 176

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Schrock, would you like to close on the committee amendments? Senator Schrock waives closing. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 176. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator...or on the committee amendments, I should say.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill, Senator Bohlke, AM1275, but I have a note, Senator, you wish to withdraw AM1275 and offer AM1320. (AM1320, Legislative Journal page 1532.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn, substituted without objection. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This amendment goes to...somewhat to the issues we've been discussing. I will tell you that we discussed it in committee, did not come to agreement in committee. I thought it deserves some discussion here on the floor, and it has been a part of the discussion even when Senator Matzke originally introduced his bills. I support the bill. I support the committee amendments. There is one issue that I would like to raise and that is with the bill, as you have just approved the committee amendments, you would now allow 14-year-olds to operate a jet ski that goes 85 miles an hour with no brakes. Now I would suggest to you that we certainly don't allow that with an automobile and yet we're going to allow kids who are 14 years old, as long as they take a safety course, to go out and operate a jet ski that goes 85 miles an hour. To me, I think that's unreasonable. I understand what people have said about the enjoyment families may have, and in some places, some states, I think people are going to raise the issue, well, the ages are lower in other states. That may be. I'm not sure that there are as many sandpits and small lakes, as Senator Janssen was talking about and a number of you, Senator Schmitt was talking about, the way it is in Nebraska and the places where we allow these to be