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they should bear some of the burden. But I think the burden also needs to go, also needs to go to the minors who are in most cases sitting back, laughing at us, laughing at society, laughing at the law. It's like an old saying we had one time when I was on the school board. The school board is usually afraid of the public and the voters, the superintendent is afraid of the school board, the principal is afraid of the superintendent, and you get down to the kids, and they're not afraid of anybody. So it's always kind of stuck with me, and that's the way it works. I'm not sure. I think, Senator Hilgert, you're right on...you're on the right track here. I think some of these may be a little tough. I did support this when it was before us before, when Senator Schellpeper had brought it to us. I think we have to do something to get...to get the young people...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...get their awareness, and show them we mean business; not always working on the other end. We've got the law the way it is now. If it is enforced, I think it would be stiff enough. But it doesn't seem to be...doesn't seem to me that we're enforcing what we have right now. This would be mandatory, hurt a lot people, but maybe we need to do that to keep them alive, too. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. The speaking order on AM 1719 to LB 267 is Senator Schrock, followed by Hartnett, Cudaback, Hilgert, Chambers, Vrtiska, Landis, and Redfield. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I wasn't going to speak on LB 267. I did sit through the hearings. We've had, it seems like, a high rash of accidents involving teenagers or young people in my area of the state. And there's been casualties along with that. And a lot of times when that happens, there's alcohol involved. And I think the fines for minors in possession and controlling minors from procuring alcohol, whether they get it from somebody else procuring it for them or whether they get it from their parents, is kind of a joke. It's not deterring teenage drinking in this state. But it's a serious problem. One of the young ladies who