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an argument for 12. I thought 14 was reasonable. They have to take the safety training class. I believe that's the appropriate age to let these kids start. You talk about being anxious to turn 16 to get a driver's license so you can drive a car. I'm sure for some kids it's just going to be just as important to turn the right age to drive...ride a jet ski, and I think there's a lot of them under 14 riding them now and we only have a report of one accident where a kid under the age of 14 was injured, and we have about 40 last year that were injured that are older than age 16. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Senator Bromm, you are next.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. I will support the amendment to the amendment, the Bohlke amendment, because I do want to confine this to water...personal watercraft. But I do support the age of 14 as opposed to 16 and let me tell you why. In my...at least the time that I've spent from time to time on a lake near Fremont, and we've seen a growth in the use of jet skis, there are a lot of young riders, 14, 15 years old, by my judgment. There are also riders who are 18, 19, 20, 21, and quite a few of them in that age group. Now the more...the more dangerous riders, in my opinion, are those who are just a little bit older and who seem to consume alcohol and then ride these jet skis, and those are the ones that really concern me greatly. Now I grant you, there can be a judgment problem at age 14 or 15, but I think that with the trade-off of the safety course, I think that's a good exchange for making the age 14. I also think that if we set the age at 16, we're going to have an awful lot of lawbreakers out there because these kids are capable at ages 14 and 15. As Senator Schrock has said, this is a very enjoyable thing for them. I would...I would think that the compromise...I really felt like the compromise we had when this bill came out of committee was to go to age 14 with the boater safety course, that that was a good trade-off. I just feel more comfortable with that. But in the same light, this portion of the amendment, the amendment to the amendment that Senator Bohlke is offering, I will support this because I think we should be dealing here. The whole bill and hearing and everything else has been about jet skis, personal watercraft. I guess I think that's where it should go. But after that, I would hope that we would have either an amendment to change the