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statute. Then she was...in dealing with the insurance issue, she was required to provide financial responsibility to the Department of Motor Vehicles for three years, put on a high-risk insurance rate that was over \$1,000 a year for insurance. And this is the only reason the bill came up. Now, whether you want to suspend it or impound it, if you want to make it "may," I don't really care, except I do think we ought to address the issue from the standpoint that it seems rather unfair to me, for that minor infraction, that they would have to pay that high-priced a penalty. And that's the only reason for the bill. Anything that we can do as a body here to correct what I think is somewhat of an injustice for the kind of penalty that was applied, I'm willing to go along with. And I understand there is a...I think an amendment has been brought up to the Speaker. I'm going to shut off my microphone, and wait and see what transpires. But I do want to...I do think that we need to do something. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Speaker Bromm and members. The cross...the reference to the Chapter 60-4,124 is the other penalty, misuse of a school or learner's permit. Typically, it's a \$50 fine infraction. And what Senator Vrtiska is attempting to do here is make this a less harsh penalty. Obviously, it says the judge shall revoke a learner's or school permit, which case...whichever case it would be. That is a very harsh penalty for a young person, in this case, driving two blocks or something out of the direct path to and from school. It's a decision you're going to have to make if you want to loosen it further than that, I guess. I understand what Senator Chambers is saying. Do you want to have a mandatory impoundment here? Or do you want to give further flexibility, as Senator Synowiecki has suggested? It...I could support it either way, I guess. I can...I see both sides of the argument. But there are...it is an infraction, misuse of a school or learner's permit; \$50 fine I think is typically imposed. But I...it's a policy decision you're going to have to work out with the bill's sponsor. I guess we can go either way on it. But what the bill, obviously, attempts to do is simply to lessen the penalty from a revocation, to give the judge some flexibility. Thank