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age of 16. And I know myself several years ago, I did have a school permit. That's been a long time ago. But at that time, we were...we did abuse that. No one ever said too much. But with the mode of transportation we have today, I believe it is necessary to have this type of statute to not only to protect the lives of these young people and not make it so restrictive that they cannot attend those programs during the off year. Senator Langemeier, I appreciate your bringing this bill. I think it's a good bill, and the young people will have to learn not to abuse the privilege that we do give them. So thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I thank Senator Langemeier for bringing this bill. It is an issue that has certainly...I have received a number of phone calls from parents in my district who have been concerned about this because of the various interpretations of the bill. They may live in one county, their children attend school in another county, and their learner's permit has been taken, which then means that they have to provide transportation for their students to attend these extracurricular activities, which may be 30 miles from where they live. And if...they have expressed to me that if they were in another profession besides farming, it would be very difficult and their sons or daughters may not be able to participate. So I commend you for bringing this to us because I do believe that we need this clarification in the statutes, and I am in support of the amendment and also the bill. Thank you. And I would certainly give the rest of my time to...back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Schrock, on AM0631.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Langemeier, this has always been a contentious issue in my area of the state, and it's contentious for those who have children that live in town that can't drive, and contentious for those that do. But could you just help me out a little bit? Is there any restrictions on who can ride with someone with a