

road and they're going to be on the road, and the one's got to have the safety features and taken the test and done all the work, why shouldn't the other one do that as well. And that's just the area in terms of fairness and treatment, some uneasiness about letting 16-year-olds operate because that's going to be a dramatic change in terms of age being able to operate it. So that also entered into our discussion.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Can you define...another question. What's the difference between my license that I have as a driver and "someone that has a commercial license"? Can you answer that, or...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: You probably have a regular operator's license, a Class...if I...I believe right, Class 0 for operator's license, and you go in and have a skills test taken the first time you get it and that's about it. And if you haven't had any tickets or anything, you don't even have to take a knowledge test every four years you renew it. A commercial driver's license is much more extensive. You have to take a real extensive, difficult knowledge test. In fact, many of these operators had to go to a school to learn. They may be driving for a long time but didn't know the mechanics of the air brakes, didn't know many of the skills questions that they ask. You also then needed to go out and actually physically drive the rig and show some competence in that area. You're also under a much more strict requirement, for example, I talked about the amount of alcohol in your system. It's at .04, and there are just a lot of those restrictions. And a commercial driver's license is very valuable and if you lose it, I mean, they shut you down, you don't earn a living and then...and, of course, that's a big thing. And if you lose your operator's license, if you feel safe, you can ride with Senator Chambers. Well, maybe you would want to ride with somebody else, but you would find, you know, obviously, there's another way to go. So the commercial driver's license is a much more extensive requirement.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Schmitt, on the Withem amendment.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just rise in opposition on the amendment and also on Senator