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SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Yes, a no vote on the adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I wish to support Senator Richendifer's position on this and I'd like to make several comments--I went down to the Department of Motor Vehicles and I was a part of the committee--that adopted this commend--amendment, but I think that we made a mistake and a serious one. We do have some problem drivers on our highways and this bill, as it was originally introduced, would have taken some of these drivers off. As it is amended, it will take no one off, according to the records that are available in the department. I want to go on to say that any driver who does not heed the first point of revocation, has his license revoked a second time within five year period, has shown a real disregard for the rules of the road and the safety of other drivers, other people. Now the intent of L.B. 213 as originally introduced is to let those people know that the citizens of Nebraska will no longer tolerate the abuse of driving privileges and they must be dealt with firmly. Now in 1972, I think Senator Richendifer pointed this out to you, there were only 1309 out of over one million drivers in this state that had their licenses revoked under the point system. Now in a sampling of these drivers, a 10% random sampling, revealed that only 4% of the drivers would have been subject to this, but now, with this amendment, they're all taken out and I feel that we must not support these committee amendments although I was part of the committee that adopted them.

SPEAKER: Is there further discussion? Senator Duis. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, Mr. President, I think the department has set up a very good set of rules and regulations. I see no reason for disrupting them. I don't think that what Senator Richendifer is trying to do or what Senator Kremer by their amendments is trying to do is going to help one bit, and so if this is the proper procedure, I'd make a motion that we indefinitely postpone this bill. If it isn't the proper place, I'd go, wait until the right time.

SPEAKER: A motion to indefinitely postpone does not yield to an amendment that is existing so we will still be on the amendment. You have this privilege after the amendment--

SENATOR KEYES: All right, just as soon as the amendments are accepted, rejected, I'd like to make that a motion.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Legislature, This is a no vote, otherwise the bill is useless. If the amendments are adopted, I will have to go along with Senator Keyes because it would just be taking up paper.

SPEAKER: Senator Richendifer, I think it might clarify things if you just move that the committee amendments be rejected.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: I will so move.

SPEAKER: It has been moved and seconded that the committee amendments be rejected. Any further discussion. Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature, I, too want to support Senator Richendifer in his efforts here.