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will you yield to a question?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Is this, as I am glancing through this amendment hurriedly, is this saying that those convicted of drunken driving can still be on probation without having points removed from their driver's licenses?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: While they are on probation and successfully, while they are successfully pursuing probation, yes sir.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Then they would never lose points, after their probation is up, they would be, they would never of had any points assessed against their licenses.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Not if they successfully finished their probation.

SENATOR DICKINSON: In your opinion, is this fair?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: This is certainly most fair.

SENATOR DICKINSON: In other words you think if a person advertently or inadvertently gets, loses points for violating a stop sign law for instance or a speeding law, he should have points removed but the drunken driver should not?

SENATOR DICKINSON: I'm not comparing the two, I'm only thinking of the, of the matter of the probation system, that has been set up and the protections involved in the probation system, and I'm saying in answer to your question, that I think it is fair. Yes sir.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Well it seems to me in view of the disclosures made by our local Omaha and Lincoln papers, especially Omaha papers last fall that the, in some cases the absurdity of these people not having a violation against their driver's, their driving record, or points against their driving record, this would seem to be not, not wise, and I'm opposed -

SENATOR LUEDTKE: This amendment Senator is, takes care of the situation, Mr. Sullivan who is the one that has been, who is responsible for this and who has gone into this very, to a great extent, feels that this particular amendment will take care of that problem.

SPEAKER: The Chair next recognizes Senator Barnett, and just a minute Senator Barnett, before you speak, I'd like to explain to the audience who is here today, that generally on Friday, because of some excused absences that are necessary in the body, the group tries to take up what is generally called "non-controversial" legislation. The Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I was going to call for a point of order on Senator Dickinson because this doesn't have a thing to do with what he is talking about. This is nothing but telling on, the reporting to the motor vehicle department, it has nothing to do with what you and I both are concerned with, this has nothing to do with that, whether it is fair to put them on probation or to leave them without points, and take their points away, it has nothing to do with that in this bill. All this bill does, is if a person is put on probation, it tells where the record goes that shows that he is on probation. That's all it does.