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license suspended for 30 days? Is that what you said?

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Chambers, this is exactly the way I understand the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you favor this bill, or you doing it as the chairman because you were requested to do so.

SENATOR KREMER: I'm not taking the position at this time, like I do anyother bill. Until I have heard the witness at the hearing. I am introducing it as the Chairman of the committee with the signature of these 5 members at the request of the Department.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Coult it be referred to the Government Committee?

PRESIDENT: Stand by. Senator DeCamp, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KREMER: It was laid on the Senator's desk yesterday.

PRESIDENT: All right. Thank you, Senator. Stand by, Senator Kremer. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: He is just asking for the introduction of the bill at this time. Is that right?

PRESIDENT: That is correct.

SENATOR DECAMP: Is it proper to call the debate prior to introducing the bill or..

PRESIDENT: Sure.

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, I would just point out that this same bill or some form of it was before us last year and was clearly not acceptable for this Legislature. You go out in the rotunda of this building and look at the numbers on the chart you will see that the traffic deaths have already been cut more than in half this year. And speed limits are the one thing that you almost have no defense against. If somebody has a grudge against you, and I'm not suggesting that policemen would do this, but if they did have a grudge against you, that's the one thing that's almost impossible to defend against. They can say you are going 76 miles an hour, and you can say I was going 73. And hanging on that is your license, your future. If you happen to be dependent on a dirvers license. And I just think it is not the type of legislation we want to be introducing at this time. Particularly when we are being so successful with our traffic deaths enforcing the laws we have. It's just not one we want to have before us.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Usually a bill is quite difficult to understand that we are asking to have introduced. But this bill I think we all understand. We know as much about this bill as we ever will. And since a very similar bill was killed in the last legislative session, and since I'm utterly opposed to it, and I'm certain a majority of these Legislators are opposed to it because sometimes you have