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SENATOR SWIGART: I wanted you to not override the veto for other reasons than the Governor game.

SENATOR DUIS: That's what I'm talking about. Our vote here is to override a veto, not other purposes. We could have voted against the bill on Final Reading for that. Now we're talking about overriding the purpose of a veto. I think that's the point in question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the body. I rise to support the veto. This is consistent with my vote as this bill went across the board. I won't go into the details as others have. It simply extends the point system. If we want to do that, that's what we ought to do. Senator Lewis mentioned, I couldn't hardly believe it when I heard him say it but, the Christian ethics of good work habits or something to that effect. I really don't know what that has to do with all this. Certainly one is in fear of losing a drivers license and not being able to drive to work, they should think about it when they have six, eight, ten points, not after they have 12. I can see that this is nothing better than extending the point system. That may be justifiable, but if so let's just do it that way.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, do you want to close debate on this matter?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes and I'll be very brief. Members of the Legislature, this is a motion to override the Governor's veto on LB 259 to allow a person, whose license has been revoked, to use his or her car to drive to and from work. Senator Swigart has talked to you a lot of times on all these bills on the need to obey traffic regulations. I wouldn't mention what I'm going to tell you except for his strong positions in opposition. When we were on a bus leaving here to go ride a helicopter we were driving at the limit. Senator Swigart not only went around the bus but continued to create more and more distance between his car and the bus. You know how he explains it? On that particular occasion I had to get back to the Legislature. Now if you listened to him earlier, he never, never goes faster than 55. But on the occasion when Senator Swigart had to do it it's justifiable for him. I presume that if Senator Swigart had a situation where he had a family to support and over a 24 month period he got enough points to lose his license then maybe he would see the need for some of these other provisions. The only reason I do that is to point out that misfortune can befall anybody. Before a person takes a rock-rib position which allows for no deviation he or she should realize that being fallable and human the very thing they condemned is the thing they could wind up doing. I ask that LB 259 be passed notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. I'm going to ask for a Call of the House so that everybody will be here because I see some empty seats.