

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett, would you handle the committee amendments then.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'd move for the adoption of the committee amendments. Vince, do we have to adopt those first, or adopt an amendment to them, or adopt these first and then.... I think I have an amendment up there for the committee amendments. I think probably I should move to adopt the committee amendments, first, for the bill. Then we can.... We've got to get through a couple series of amendments before we can get to Venditte. I would move to adopt the committee amendments. The committee amendments that are in the book are basically going to be the bill. The bill is going to deal with serious bodily injury in the event of drunk driving. If you want we can discuss these issues now, or discuss it after we adopt the committee amendments. We can run through it as far as I am concerned. Senator Venditte, if it's okay with him. Pat, do you want to adopt the committee amendments, or do you want to discuss the issue as it is, then try to adopt the committee amendments and pass it on? Which way would you want to go?

SENATOR VENDITTE: I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR BARNETT: I already did that. You want to go ahead that way then, and adopt the committee amendments, and talk to the subject?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Yes, I would, Senator.

SENATOR BARNETT: Okay. What we'll do is turn the mike over to Senator Venditte and let him tell you his idea in the operation of this. Bear in mind that the committee amendments... the penalty sections, subsection one of the committee amendments is the same as a class one misdemeanor. Sub two is a class four felony. There is no third offense at this time, which I think Senator Venditte is probably working on. One thing you have to bear in mind in this whole thing, and while you go through this and listen to the arguments, is this bill does not have anything to do with drunk driving, with the exception of when a personal injury has been the result of an accident with a drunk driver. My amendment, later on that we would attach to this, would bring it into compliance with the Criminal Code. Instead of personal injury it will say serious bodily injury, which is explained in the Code. With that, I'll let Senator Venditte explain the purpose of these amendments.

PRESIDENT: You're talking about the committee amendments then, Senator Venditte?

SENATOR BARNETT: That's correct.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR VENDITTE: I just might preface my comments by saying that the committee amendments now have become the bill. Okay. I just want to, again, preface my comments by saying I think this is another one of those un-Venditte-like, noncontroversial pieces of legislation. Anyway. The primary intent, or the aim of LB 223 is not aimed at stopping someone from using alco-