

LB 223, I think was a little too severely drawn and I told Senator Venditte that, but what has happened is that the bill as amended has essentially said that it is all right to drive while you are drunk as long as you don't hit somebody. It is all right to drive while you are drunk if even if you hit the car or you don't dismember them, if you don't kill them. If you do that then we're going to have to point our finger and scold you and you may have to go to jail, but as long as you get lucky or as long as you get smart and you just hit a tree, it's okay, you can drive while you are drunk. That type of reasoning is assinine, it's ridiculous. It is not consistent so I would ask this body to support the amendment. It is one that is reasonable. It is one that I think clearly indicates exactly what this body's philosophy is about drunk driving. I think that if this amendment were adopted that many people who might have had a few drinks for the evening would either think very carefully about driving home, would either stay a little bit longer and wait to sober up or have a friend drive them home or take a cab. I think that this issue is too important not to be treated in a very serious nature.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The motion is the adoption of the Simon amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you voted? Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, I would ask for a Call of the House now.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: A Call of the House has been asked for. All those in favor of Calling the House vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote. You're voting on a Call of the House.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 3 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right. The House is under Call. All legislators will return to their desks. All nonlegislative personnel will leave the floor. The House is under Call. The Sergeant at Arms will return all members of the Legislature to their desks. Please record your presence. Everyone record their presence. Will all members of the Legislature please record your presence? All right, we'll take call in votes at this time.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no. Senator Cullan voting aye.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Nichol, are you here? Senator Cullan, are you here?

CLERK: Senator Kahle voting no. Senator Fowler voting no. Senator Hefner voting no. Senator Rasmussen voting no. Senator George voting no. Senator Warner and Senator Burrows voting no.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Koch voting no.

CLERK: Senator Koch voting no. Senator Goodrich voting aye.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Would all of you please register your presence so we do know how many are here. Senator Labeledz, would you register your presence so we know how many are here? Thank you. Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Raise the Call.