

the idea, obviously, that isn't the will of the majority, but I think we are moving entirely too fast and that we ought not let this bill go past Select File at this stage.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz is the next speaker but, Senator Labeledz, may I introduce our birthday person. Senator Carson Rogers had a birthday last Sunday and he has a goodie over here under the north balcony. I tasted it and it is good. Mikki McCann of Senator Rogers' office made it. You will find it good. Let's wish Senator Carson Rogers a happy day today. Thank you, Senator Rogers. Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, rise to oppose LB 79. Senator Hannibal explained most of the things that I was going to say. I don't think that we should change the present system, and I did put a letter on your desk and hope that everybody read that, especially the fact that under the current system, if the judge believes that a person is meritorious of probation, a judge may place them on probation, and the normal point system does not apply if the probation is completed successfully. There are... and probably one of the most important aspects of the bill would lead to many more traffic trials which will further burden the court system, and I might add here that I ride everyday with Tim Hall, and he stated the fact that he was lucky on the interstate. It isn't luck that gets him here. It is my prayers and watching the speedometer, I assure you. But I do oppose LB 79 and hope there are not 25 votes there to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please, then Senator Hall.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I will be very brief, Mr. President. I also oppose LB 79, and I understand and I agree with much that Senator Barrett has said, but I think that Senator Labeledz has made some good arguments, and Hannibal has made some good arguments. I believe we can burden our court system down to the point where far more serious offenses are not dealt with equitably. I believe it is also important to recognize that there are many people out there who earn a living on the highway, and there are some of us, of course, who travel many, many miles a year in the course of our business, and the situation, as we all know, is one of difference in enforcement. And it is kind of unusual, of course, that if you travel on the interstate, you have a different standard than those of us who travel on the country roads and the secondary highways, and if you travel 65 miles an hour on the interstate, you will not be