

of drinking, if you want my personal opinion. I would rather see nobody drink, if you want my personal opinion, but people are going to drink and the law makes it legal for everybody to drink in this state under certain circumstances. Everybody and anybody under the right circumstances can legally consume alcoholic beverages from beer to rotgut. It's not against the law. Now we come into an area of activity where the person having consumed this alcoholic liquor is presumed once a certain level of liquor compared to the volume of blood in the body is a certain point, that person is presumed to be impaired and cannot legally do certain things like drive a motor vehicle. If a person does not have that level of alcohol, the law does not say we presume that you are impaired, you are a hazard to the public and whether or not you caused an accident, whether or not you've driven in a way that is erratic makes no difference. If for any reason that is deemed appropriate by a court you are stopped and it is determined that you have that amount of alcohol in your system, you are guilty of the offense of driving under the influence. If we are going to allow any and everybody to drink in compartment A and we move over to compartment B where we're talking not about the fact that a person drank, but other types of conduct which may be affected by the amount of alcohol consumed, then we want to change the rules. We want to say that somebody 20 years old, 364 days, just got back from Desert Storm sees his, whoever he is concerned about that makes him feel good and he drinks, or she drinks because there were ladies there too, enough alcohol to reach this small amount that is in the present amendment that I'm talking about, and that person is guilty of a crime in addition to drunk driving. Now I don't think that is appropriate and I don't think it's fair. In the same way that some of us were trying to show that the terms of LB 78 placed an improper, oppressive, unfair burden on women, this bill as drafted constitutes a war against our young people. And believe me, I'm not speaking in favor of anybody drinking and driving and I'm not speaking in favor of anybody drinking. In the same way that we can support a woman's right to choice without saying that we would tell her to get an abortion, I can be opposed to this double standard without saying that I approve of people drinking. There are too many instances when we are faced by conduct from our young people that we don't like that we want to resort to the punishing rod automatically, beat the child, do not spare for his crying, you will not kill him. That's what the Bible says, but we know from experience that people have beaten their children to death. They say spare the rod and spoil the child and we know there are people who believe