

juvenile court which could be the case, but because of the implications of getting out from under the problems of this bill you'd have to argue that you're emancipated and you can't do both. You can't be emancipated, you can't be an emancipated minor and also be under the juvenile code; and I think that poses some problems that maybe we haven't looked at. And it does only pose them for minors under the age of 19, but it does pose them and I think it's a concern. I understand Senator Chambers' argument on this issue. I agree with Senator Day, this is not an assault...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: ...on the kids. It's another way to make it clear to them that the issue is really...frankly, this bill has been boiled down to what you're looking at is a suspension of a driver's license on a violation of this, excuse me, an impoundment of a driver's license. And I think that that is an appropriate sort of remedy for this kind of offense. And I think it makes more sense and understanding to the kids that are involved in this sort of activity. This bill was onerous, more onerous to begin with. It is not onerous now. I think it's appropriate, and I would, because of the concerns that I have with the problems this amendment raises, would urge rejection of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hohenstein. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'm going to keep hammering on the same point; and I'm going to tell you where I see hypocrisy in all of this. You all are too cowardly to make it illegal for a minor to consume alcohol anywhere. You're moral cowards. You're afraid of the alcohol industry and that's why you won't do it. So since you're too cowardly to make it against the law to do that which you are punishing now, you're going to punish it even though you make it legal for them to do it. They can drink at home. If they have .02 in their blood, their driving is not impaired. Their visual acuity is not impaired. There is nothing that they have done which justifies them being convicted of a crime, and a traffic infraction is a crime. You are trying to punish them for doing that which you continue to allow to be legal. Why won't Senator Hohenstein and Senator Day support making it a crime for a youngster to drink at home? They keep saying you