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it's okay if we leave inappropriate sentences on the books, and that's not good enough. That's not an improvement of public policy. That's just simply leaving what's bad on the books and hope that you can add something else that maybe judges will use. It seems to me that if we're going to try to make public policy, as Senator Kruse suggested that we do, that we declare that policy. I think it's...it needs to be a more sophisticated approach than simply, can we add a new penalty, no matter what? Now I think it should be in the pursuit of the most appropriate one, and that's an open discussion and one that we should have, and that we haven't sc far. And I'd let that happen on Select File.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAH: I guess I'd like to respond a little bit at this point to Senator Landis. The testimony at the hearings, and what I've learned over the last couple of years is that the penalties, if that's what you want to call them, and actually a Class III misdemeanor is a fairly onerous penalty, have not been effective in deterring underage drinking up to this point. And so one of the main thrusts behind LB 114 was is to find a more appropriate, I guess a more appropriate incentive to deter underage drinking in the state of Nebraska. And what has been found in 33 other states is that linking it to driving privileges, underage drinking, has been an effective deterrent in lowering the incidence of underage drinking in those 33 other states. And so this was, LB 114 is an attempt to try that same concept that apparently has worked in many other states, in the state of Nebraska. Now I will admit that right now as it stands, the Class III misdemeanor stands. It gives the judge a fairly wide variety or a wide range of discretion in the penalty phase of what to mete out. And right now that the way that the bill is written is that if you're convicted of the Class III misdemeanor to begin with, a part of the sentence would be a license suspension for a period of time, depending on the number of times that you've been convicted of this particular statute. Now in the likely event that that license, or that that sentence is suspended, or the underage person convicted is placed on probation, it provides for the license impoundment which is a little less onerous than a license suspension, but you can't