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my office has had a number of contacts from people, some being limousine companies, and some being people who were simply hiring limousines for weddings or special occasions. And they were surprised that limos could not have open containers, and...and questioned the rationale behind that. And I've had a hard time, a little bit, with...with giving a rationale. I think when you do utilize a hired vehicle like that, with a driver, for a special occasion, it is probably better to legally provide how alcohol can be consumed in that particular type of conveyance, rather than to ignore it altogether. By ignoring it altogether, I believe, what's happening out there is that people are ignoring the law. And I think that people using limousines, in many cases, are...are...bringing alcohol and so long as they're not involving the driver, and it's a separate part of the vehicle, it's probably being served or consumed. And it's sort of like prohibition, I think, if...if the standards are such that people believe that that is an acceptable and a safer method of approaching that type of conduct, that maybe we ought to...we ought to change the law to comply with what society feels is appropriate. In any event, I do hope you'll adopt the amendment. And then you can decide the policy decision of whether or not you want to do this, or whether you don't. But it would be very prudent to have the amendment be the bill, and...and that's what...what this would do. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. You've heard the opening on the committee amendment to LB 95. Mr. Clerk, amendment to the committee amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers would move to amend the committee amendment with FA829. (Legislative Journal page 401.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA829.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to serve notice to the liquor industry, to those purveyors of alcohol in vehicles that are leased for cash and profit, I'm going to fight this bill to cloture. If it's 8 hours, if it's