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SENATOR KRUSE: Please vote red.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Kruse. The question is on the adoption of AM1774 to LB 208. All those in favor vote aye, and those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 0 ayes, 33 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Kruse amendment.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The amendment is not adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kruse would move to amend with AM2144. (Legislative Journal page 133.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair would recognize Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and colleagues. This amendment strips out the work that we were doing last spring, and puts LB 208 back to its pristine original, which is a recodification of DUI statutes. It changes no penalties. It does none of the things that it talked about in the one-liner there. We go back to the recodification of this. We separated it last year...or we put them together last year because it fits a little better for bill writing and for editing after we do our work. But we're done with the sympathy thing. We're going to do it the easy way and separate these into two different items, and let others worry about how to put them together. So again, this amendment restores LB 208 to its original, which is to recodify DUI statutes. The purpose of that is to take care of a number of complexities that have developed over the years. These statutes are, many of them, out of order. Penalties are listed separately from infractions and so on. It's an effort by many of our staff to get the thing done right. I ask for your support.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Further discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Kruse to close.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President. I ask for your support.