

as I read the amendment, 2774, it seems to me that the mandatory revocation of licenses which I am sure Senator Haberman would like to see happen if he is not going to give a work permit and he indicated to us that that was part of the bill, I don't think that is in that bill. If they are granted a probation, then I don't think they are going to have a mandatory license revocation. Now, Senator Sieck and I had one of the DWI bills that were introduced this year and although it is not one of the bills, or it is not the bill obviously that was advanced from committee, the committee amendments do follow along that same line of thinking that Senator Sieck and I had, and that is simply this that we remove offenders of DWI from the highways, all of them. And part of that procedure seems to me to be that even if they are granted probation, that still a small minimum amount of license revocation without a work permit take place, and I do not see that as part of the Haberman amendment, and that bothers me. I also do not believe that any mandatory jail sentences are a necessary part of the deterrent for DWI. I think we should leave that up to the discretion of the judges for the simple reason that if we make it too stiff, we are probably not going to have people convicted of the penalty to start with. But it does seem to me logical and there will be amendments forthcoming that we do have strict mandatory requirements of license revocation so that those offenders are off the road for a specified period of time and I would suggest to you that the right to drive is a privilege that we, the state, grant and that privilege is a privilege that a lot of people hold....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR VICKERS:in high esteem and would be very upset if they thought that was going to be taken away from them. So for that reason I rise to oppose LB 2774. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell. Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I also rise to oppose 2774. Basically the reason is that I feel that the committee bill, or amendment as we call it now, is the proper bill to work on. As Senator Nichol pointed out, it isn't complete and we can build upon it, but I feel it is a start. And we had specialists, technicians that did write the bill, and we are setting up some new penalty sections which we called Misdemeanor W, and this is one of the things that you have to have to make this thing work. The present law is not working.