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amendments. Do you have anything further on the committee amendments? All right. The next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the committee amendments is offered by Senators Sieck and Vickers and it is found on page 1081 of the Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: The Call is raised. Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, this is a simple amendment. On the first offense it will raise the revoking of the license to 60 days instead of 30 days. And on the third amendment it will lower the revoking of the license from 5 years to 1 year. I feel if we are going to have something that works, we have to have a penalty that our law officers will present. As Senator Chambers so well told you before, the police officer has to make the arrest, the county attorney has to present the case and if we get too strong a penalty, this will not happen. And I do feel that in the first instance we have to make it strong enough so that he is walking a long enough time to realize that what he has done and that he will not...and realize what driving and drinking is being done. And also in that particular first offense the court can do many other things. It can require that he take a course in what alcohol does, or he could put him to jail, or he could fine him \$200, or he could suspend his license for 6 months. So there are a lot of other discretions that can be done. But the mandatory part is that there will be 60 days that he will walk without a work permit and I feel this is excellent. And I feel that these amendments should be adopted to make this law work. If we get it too strong or too weak in the first offense, as I feel it is written, it will not work, and we want something that will work and I feel this is a step in the right direction. I urge you to support the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol. We are on the amendment. Senator Stoney. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Sieck, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: If they are put on probation, do they revoke the license.

SENATOR SIECK: They can be put, yes....

SENATOR HABERMAN: If they are put on probation....

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