

CLERK: 23 ayes, 16 nays Mr. President to cease debate.

SENATOR LAMB: Debate has not ceased. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: The popular thing to do is to support a really tough drunk driving bill. The popular thing to do. It takes courage to stand up and say, I can not support an amendment which in effect, by the introducers own words will be followed by the amendment to do away with the ability to forego a jail sentence on first time arrest. I feel strongly that drunk driving is a problem which we are all trying to work with, I feel that we need to have mandatory sentences someplace along the line. Interesting that one of the clippings handed out has a judge picking up license plates off of a car that is not supposed to be driven. That is one way to do it. This is a tough question but I cannot support the amendment that is being offered to us tonight. I do not feel that this is the intelligent way to go. Those who have lost loved ones because of drunk drivers hurt, but passing this bill will not take their hurt away. We need more programming, we need more dollars in programming, but to pass a law so tough that the person who is arrested may be taken home does not solve a problem. That the persons who are stopped may be charged with a lesser offense to start with is not the way to solve the problem. A second offense, a third offense, yes. A first offense, no. Perhaps you are saying I don't understand because I have never been drunk. It is still a problem for those who drink and for those who do not drink. But, I do not believe that this is the way to go. I will not support the amendment and I hope that we are not here till 9:00 p.m. still arguing over it.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Labeledz on the amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Pass.

SENATOR LAMB: Passing. Senator Haberman, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I know that there are those here who want to get this thing over with in a hurry. We passed a number of bills and we perhaps excused ourselves sometimes by saying it is not going to be enforced. I think the introducers of the bill are sincere. They want the bill to be enforced. I think if it becomes law it should be enforced. But, I think we need to take a look at something else. It is kind of interesting that the answer to most of the problems that we seem to face today is lock em up and throw away the key. Well the facts are everytime we lock someone up we have got