

the law. I nevertheless have to raise the issue. If a justification for an extreme penalty is always the following, "that's only a maximum and it doesn't have to be imposed" then don't put it in there. If you don't think a penalty is suitable for the majority of cases then don't put it in. You are inviting a discriminatory, unfair application. You should impose a penalty that will apply in the majority of the cases that will come up for sentencing. This is a provision that could allow a judge to put somebody on the ground that he doesn't want to drive for whatever reason. Suppose it happens to be a good campaign organizer. Whether it is in behalf of a judge or against a judge, for a proposition or against a proposition that may be on the ballot, then all you say is you don't drive anymore, ever. If you get caught driving without a license you are guilty of a Class IV felony. Even if while you are driving you are not violating any law, the fact that your license has been suspended forever, if you drive a car for any reason, you are guilty by virtue of that driving of committing a Class IV felony. It is conceivable that these terrible, vicious, frightening criminals who have their licenses suspended could be fathers who have daughters who may have a child. The child may not respect the schedule of somebody who has a drivers license and maybe the only one available to drive the pregnant young lady to the hospital is this person whose license has been suspended forever. Well if he is any kind of a man he is going to risk the Class IV felony and drive the person to the hospital. But, that is the kind of situation that we put into place with these ridiculous provisions, with these silly laws, with these simplistic approaches to complex problems. Then maybe as Senator Fowler said, the Governor has nothing better to do than to give somebody a drivers license back, the Legislature apparently has nothing better to do than to draft unreasonable silly penalties. But, I for one, no matter how late into the night we go, no matter how many days we discuss, I, for one will not allow fatigue to cause me to give an aye vote to something which is as preposterous and ridiculous as this is. I think the Legislature ought to be ashamed of itself, it ought to be ridiculed, it ought to be scorned. Because if some family member of a legislator wound up in this bind and drove a car to the store or anything else and was charged with a Class IV felony, I bet there would be an attempt to interfere or intervene with the prosecutor to either not charge it at all or to bring a lesser charge of some kind. So if it is not good enough for a member of my family, it is not good enough for anybody else. If it is not fair for me, it is not fair for anybody. So, I think this is an over kill proposition. I am opposed to