

picked up for first offense drunk driving are really social drinkers. However, second offense with that kind of second offense recidivism that it is approximately 80% of the people who are picked up for the second offense of drunk driving are in fact people with a drinking problem. The only way we are going to deal with people with a drinking problem is to have them understand what that problem is. And, because we are passing a bill that is going to be much more stringent, there is going to be a need, a sincere need to strengthen the provisions of this law and to allow for some mechanism, some way in which we can deal with the repeat drunk driver.

SENATOR LAMB: Excuse me, Senator Newell, Senator Nichol, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NICHOL: I think we ran this through a couple of times and we ran it through tonight. I think it is redundant and we are doing the same thing over again that we did a little bit ago.

SENATOR LAMB: Are you. . . .

SENATOR NICHOL: I would ask the Chair to make a ruling on that, please.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I can appreciate Senator Nichol's position. He has been most strong in opposition to the pretrial diversion program. But this amendment is not the same amendment that we offered before. This amendment does... provides for the pretrial diversion program and provides for a reporting mechanisms. It is quite different than the amendment that we offered the first time which dealt with only the reporting mechanism. It was Senator Nichol's amendment that pulled out the pretrial diversion. So there is no. . . it is not a reconsideration, cause in fact this has been a different stage of debate for the pretrial diversion program and they oppose the reporting mechanism they are not combined, Senator Nichol has no argument at all.

SENATOR LAMB: While we are waiting for a copy of the amendment, Senator Nichol, your light was on next, did you want to speak to the. . .