

problem. One of two things. You either get probation or you don't. Now if you get probation you have to do without your drivers license one full year. Is that too tough? Go home and tell your people it is too tough that you think one year without your drivers license for a third offense is too tough. I don't want to go back and tell them that. If you think that is too tough, don't vote for the bill. I think we need to stand tough here for a little bit and not cave into everything that comes down the pike. I urge you not to vote for the Wesely amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, Mr. . . . Mr. President, excuse me, Senator Wesely is withdrawing the amendment he had and offering the one I am going to read you now, Mr. President. It would read as follows: (On page 1666 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: It is the same thing essentially, this is the proper language.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I sat here and haven't said a word on this bill. Sometimes I sit here and think why did you do all the work to even introduce the bill. But, I'll tell you this, Senator Wesely and everybody else, two things. Number one, it is a maximum sentence of taking the drivers license, so that means the judge can take it a year, two years, five years or eight years. Number two, if a man is an alcoholic he is an alcoholic and if it is a disease it is by choice. If that man is an alcoholic he shouldn't be driving down the highway killing people. He should have his license taken away from him for the rest of his life, if the courts sees fit. Now the people of the State of Nebraska, through letters, phone calls and everyone of you here are asking for a strict DWI bill. We have weakened the bill from when we started out, for 48 hours the first sentence, the first offense, we have gone along with everything and everybody, the stalling tactics and everything else and now we are down to this and somebody says, wait a minute, take it away for his life is too much. Well what about the life that this guy is going to kill if we let him drive? What about his life, do we give it back in five years? So I say lets leave it, leave it the way it is and if the courts feel that this man should lose his license, let him take it for the rest of his life and let him appeal and try to get it back