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system, the first, second, third offense system of LB 568. So in conclusion I would urge you to read this thing. It deals with a lot more than antabuse and certainly don't even consider voting for it until you have done that. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Seantor Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise to support Senator Schmit's motion to return and to support his amendment. I think it is the most reasonable amendment that we could possibly introduce and I commend him for putting this before you again, maybe in a little different form, but I think if we are going to be reasonable with this DWI legislation, we should certainly adopt Senator Schmit's amendment. I talked before about pretrial diversion, about the importance of it. I know that Senator Hoagland and Senator Haberman are both opposed to that. But, I think we need to look beyond just throwing people in jail. I think we need to look at helping them. I think this is one way we can do it. It will save money. The pretrial diversion plan in Sarpy County and Neligh and some of the other counties, Dodge County are self supporting. They even make money. We are going to take up a lot of county attorneys' time by prosecuting all these DWI cases. I think that their time can be better spent on some more serious crimes and at the same time we would be helping those people with an alcohol problem. If they don't have a problem, maybe they just need some alcohol education. I ask you to vote for Senator Schmit's amendment. I think it is very important and as Senator Hoagland said, we fought this fight before, as far as I am concerned we can fight it every step of the way and pull it back again when it does get on Final Reading and I'm willing to do that because I think it is that important. There are not too many times I stand on this floor, two or three times trying to get an amendment tagged on, you all know that, but I think this is very important to good DWI legislation. So, I would urge you to vote for Senator Schmit's amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Barrett, you have about two minutes.

SENATOR BARRETT: Question.

SENATOR CLARK: We don't have to have the question, you are the last one. Senator Schmit, do you wish to close?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members, I'll be brief. Senator . . . one of my colleagues said that diabetics

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