

interpretations that maybe isn't what was really necessary, the extent to which, you know, it's known and without question that the use of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with various recreational and family recreational environments such as this is very common and I think that sailboat would add a great deal of confusion. We only apply the motor vehicular drinking while driving statutes and standards relative to a motorized vehicle in that sense and so I think that the boating category fits very, very similar. So I would oppose the inclusion of the committee amendment which is simply one word "sailboat", and, like I say, it isn't defined. This bill originally was introduced a year ago. It said "vessel", "water vessel". If you look at the definition of water vessel, that could include an inner tube. So that's why I moved it to "motorboat" and I think the motorboat definition encompasses all of those people that we're concerned with. A typical sailboat of any consequence that would endanger people typically has an outboard motor as an auxiliary power device on that and so these people would fall under the law anyway. To include simply sailboat without any motorized connection to that would include a Sunfish or a Day Fisher (sic), a little Hobie Cat or things of that nature and I don't think that's who we're after at all under this particular type of provision. So, with that, I hope the body would reject the committee amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, on the committee amendment.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Schmit, I applaud you for running your committee in a good way, good informative way, and also I commend the committee members for trying to make this bill a little better, but I don't think in this particular case that you're making it better, because it's real hard to define a sailboat out there. Like Senator Conway said, if that sailboat does have a motor on, which sometimes a sailboat needs, well, this would cover this bill. But in talking to law enforcement people in my area, they really don't see a reason for having it on sailboats. They do see a very good reason for having it on motorboats because a lot of times we get people out there that get to speeding, driving wreckless and under the influence of alcohol. And so this is the reason that we introduced the bill. We introduced the bill last year but we ran out of time so we didn't get it passed. So I would urge this body to reject the committee amendment.