

waterways and engage in fishing and boating and the skiing and the various things that go in conjunction with our water sports. But, by the same token, it is very dangerous. People assume a certain degree of responsibility of what happens on our waterways. But the intent of this bill really is not to eliminate alcohol per se from that particular recreational sport but to make sure that it's handled in a proper way, to be in a situation where if, in fact, you are ramrodding around out on a boat, you've had too much to drink under our same standards that we apply to our motor vehicular process, that one should be subject to two laws. And, under that provision, we have adopted those same standards that we do for...that have been tested in courts and the like relative to the motor vehicles. What this is intended to do is if an individual is, like I say, out and not under power, out on the waterway, floating around fishing, happens to have had one or two beers in too short a period of time and would not have tested out ordinarily, they're not bothering anybody, they're just engaging in that particular sport, they're no problem. But if someone who is truly intoxicated, is in a situation where he's endangering other people by being under power and speeding around on our waterways, then that person does need to have some sanctions applied to them. So I think this is a very rational, appropriate approach to dealing with the problem and as years go by or time expires and we have better information that more needs to be done, we could do that at that time. But at this point I think it's a nice message to send to the people on Nebraska waterways that we expect them to comply with safety standards, not be endangering other people and allowing alcohol to enhance that potential danger that already exists. So, with that, I would strongly urge the body to adopt this legislation and move it on to Select File.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the bill itself? Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Hefner and Elmer.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members, I would like to ask a question. I didn't see this, in scanning the bill, Senator Conway. As a self-propelled water ski, how is it defined under this bill?

SENATOR CONWAY: What I probably should do is take you back to motorboat defined. It says, "motorboat shall be any water craft propelled in any respect by machinery, including water craft temporarily equipped with detachable motor", so a jet ski would