

separate the privilege to drive, in this state, from the type of offense that can result in certain people losing that privilege. If we're going to say that taxes derived from fuels should be used for the upkeep of the roads, because there is a connection, then I don't see how we can turn around and say that certain people should lose their drivers license or driving privilege for an offense that has nothing to do with driving, nothing to do with driving. I think that when we legislate our philosophical positions have to be like a seamless web, rather than compartmentalized for the purpose of political expediency. In the case before us now we're talking about adults, we're talking about large interests, those that have people on the floor of the Legislature to speak for them. But when we come to our young people and we talk about the privilege of driving or using the highways, we're going to say to them that if you commit an offense related to alcohol or drugs, that has nothing to do with driving, we're going to take your privilege from you. Where is the logic? Where is the consistency? There is none. The factor that determines how we consider these things is based on who has the strength, who has the power, who has the respect, and our children have never had the respect of this society as a whole. And I must use this particular issue as an opportunity to bring this out because we're drawing a connection between two items, the taxes to be raised and the purpose for which they should be spent, and we're saying there is a logical tie and that tie must be maintained. Do not raise taxes from this source and spend them for some other purpose than those directly related to transportation. But when it comes to our children take away a right of theirs, that has nothing to do with violating a law related to driving. So unfair, so unconscionable, but so alluring because it gives the appearance of us really doing something about a deeper, more fundamental problem, and that problem is that adults in this society do not talk to their children, do not have rapport with their children, fear their children and want to find more and more exotic means of punishing, harassing and oppressing their children. Then when the children react in a predictable fashion to this type of oppressive treatment that shows no understanding, then we want to say put more police on the streets to control them, build more jails to incarcerate them. But apply the same things to us and we cry out, to use Senator Schmit's colorful expression, like a hog with his nose stuck under the gate. We can see the injustice if it impinges on us in the slightest degree, but when it bears down on our children in a way that is totally oppressive, not only are we lacking in understanding and