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SPEAKER BARRETT: Transportation Committee Chairman Lamb, will you handle the amendments.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, and members, LB 141 is a bill which pertains to drunk driving, and the amendment waters it down just a little bit. The committee amendment provides that rules of the road shall apply to the operation of vehicles on public highways except that careless, reckless, and willful reckless driving and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and implied consent to submit to a chemical test shall apply to the operation of motor vehicle on public highways or anywhere throughout the state except private property which is not open to public access. And the intent of that is to exempt, for instance, the driveway to your home. Mr. Chairman, I would move the adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the committee amendments to LB 141. Senator Hall, Senator Abboud on deck.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. Senator Lamb, would you yield to a question?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lamb, would you respond?

SENATOR HALL: You know, Senator Marsh told me a long time ago on this floor that we yield to no one, but would you at least respond, and could you give me the definition of private property which is not open to public access. The committee amendment uses that term specific.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, we struggled with that problem. We struggled with that problem, and, you know, I don't have a good definition. I don't know if anybody has a good definition.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, at least you are honest.

SENATOR LAMB: But the intent of the legislation is to apply to a public parking lot, such as at a grocery store, but not to your own private driveway.

SENATOR HALL: But my...say, for example, I own the corner lot that I happen to live on and my driveway is a point in which many people use to turn around, that is public access, and I