

reckless manner, a drunken manner, while they are shopping at Westroads and they crash into someone's car or kill someone as they run them down, clearly, this is when it should apply. Now if that individual goes and gets into his car and he is intoxicated or drives recklessly through his backyard or up and down his driveway, we are making a decision here that says that that is their prerogative because it is not endangering other individuals. Now my druthers would have been that if you get in an automobile, you shouldn't be drunk, and that is what I brought in, a bill, to the particular, Transportation Committee, I said, you get into an automobile, you are driving a motor vehicle, you shouldn't be driving a motor vehicle in an unsafe manner. The committee chose to state that you can't drive that automobile in a manner that violates state statute where there is public access on that highway, and I am willing to agree to that particular amendment. The City of Omaha is willing to agree to that amendment. The Department of Motor Vehicles is willing to agree to that amendment, and we stand by to support the bill in its amended version.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: I think it is...it deals with the problem where there has been probably not a lot of inconsistency. I think they prosecute under the statute as they see it stands now, but I think it is a matter of public policy that at a time when we are trying to discourage drunk driving or driving in a reckless manner, that we should also discourage them when they are driving in an apartment complex or a shopping center. It is just good public policy. I urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. I rise with questions about not the intent of the legislation but the actual drafting of the committee amendment, and I, in many ways, I commend the committee for trying to narrow this down. I realize that the green copy did not have this limitation dealing with public access to private property, and the committee was trying to, it appears, to find a way to narrow this down to address the true problem, as Senator Hall and Senator Abboud suggested, that we do have in Omaha and I suspect other places around the state as well. However, notwithstanding that, I do raise the same kinds of questions that Senator Hall has raised and I do also appreciate the candor that Senator Lamb answered