

suggest that you might want to put an amendment in the bill that says Senator Abboud does not view tailgate parties as being covered by this section of the law, but I don't know if you can do it or not either.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Abboud, further discussion.

SENATOR ABOUDD: Okay, Mr. President, and colleagues, it is clearly the intent of this particular bill that these individuals that are driving in parking lots or driving in apartment complexes should not act in a manner that endangers other people's lives, and for that matter, if an individual is sitting in their driveway, a private driveway and he sits there and he gets drunk, intoxicated, and begins to drive his automobile around in that driveway which is not open to public access, then this bill does not restrict it. In much the same manner as if someone is sitting in their automobile and he sits there and becomes intoxicated or, for that matter, begins to drive around in a reckless manner in that private area that is not open to public access, then they should not be ticketed as well. But as far as the concern that I have as well as the City of Omaha, the Department of Vehicles, their concern is that we have people out there that are driving intoxicated or driving recklessly, and endangering other people's lives. Now a number of these driving laws, they are very technical in nature. I have represented individuals that I felt were clearly not guilty involving the manner that they drove, but when you are getting into a question with these statutes, the amendment that was offered by the Transportation Committee, I think it is fairly clear. It is about as clear as we are going to get. I am open, though, if another member feels they can help clarify this situation with an amendment, the amendment was not drafted by me. The amendment was drafted by the Transportation Committee to deal with a particular problem. I would be open to that particular amendment to clarify the situation, and I think my intent is clear. I think the City of Omaha's intent is clear, and drunk driving is not a problem just in one particular portion of the state. It is everyone's concern, and when an individual drives in a reckless manner, it is a statewide concern, and I would hope that we could resolve this to hopefully save some lives of people on the highway and avoid endangering other people's lives because a law like this isn't on the books. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Moore.