

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I think we've had a good discussion of this proposal. I think the only thing you really have to remember, at least from my perspective on the whole issue, is that we have individuals out there that are driving drunk, are driving recklessly in parking lots, in shopping centers that are hurting other individuals. Now, if there are other proposals out there that could clarify it further than what the Transportation Committee did, I would be happy to look at them as I'm sure Senator Lamb would be. But I'm afraid that there really isn't any other way to make it any clearer than what we have here. There is no doubt in my mind that this is a very clear amendment, that the bill is very clear in what it's attempting to do. And it's unfortunate, I think, that the same people on this floor that are offering criticism for this particular bill, for the most part, offer the same criticism toward any other type of drunk driving bill that has been carried on this floor as well. There is a difference of opinion as to whether or not we should have tough drunk driving laws. And the people that don't think so would just as soon not have laws any tougher than what they are. Now, we're not changing any of the standards, we're not changing any of the structural, major changes with drunk driving. We're just saying that if you're driving drunk in Gateway Shopping Center and you plow into someone else's car that you can be ticketed. And I don't think that's that bad of a rule. The same applies if you're out driving drunk or in a reckless manner in some apartment complex. The bill is clear as to what it's aimed at. I think the Transportation Committee spent a great deal of time analyzing this particular issue. In conclusion I'd like to say that this is really a statement as to how we feel about the drunk driving laws. And if your belief is that they help to reduce the amount of carnage on our highways, then I would support this amendment, and I would support the bill. If you don't think they reduce and save lives, then might as well just go ahead and start the erosion of all our drunk driving laws. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I'll call the question.

PRESIDENT: Call the question. Do I see five hands? I do, and