

someone's license, that is a very clearly a simple thing, they put it in their pocket, and they go back to the station, and they send it in that night before they leave their shift, or that afternoon. It doesn't seem to me that...we are making accommodations for the arresting officer but yet we are limiting, we are giving that individual, if you look at the bill, you pull them over, they have got only 10 days in which to file with the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles whatever we call it here. It is a claim that they were not under the influence, and then if they don't do that, there is an automatic, automatic rejection of their license. I mean their license is revoked after 30 days. We have nothing that, I mean, comes close to this and what you are basically doing with this bill is you are taking the whole issue of DWI out of the court system and making it an administrative procedure. You are taking the whole policy of driving while under the influence out of the hands of the court and you are turning it over to the Department of Motor Vehicles. And Senator Beyer said that there is a backlog in the courts, and clearly I would argue that he is right there, but if you want to talk about having attorneys jump at the chance to defend some of these people and having the system break down, I would argue that what you will have is you will have a system that will now become two-prong, one that involves an administrative procedure, and the other where these same individuals will, because for whatever reason they did not file this petition, end up with their license being revoked after 30 days, jump into the court system through some kind of effort to block that from happening, and you are going to see I don't think a lessening of the pressures on the court but an increase in that area.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: And, you know, the purpose I guess for the bill, the need, I mean outside of the argument that, well, the courts are backlogged, I mean I think you can refute that by just saying you are going to continue to have it backlogged. You are going to probably compound it with this bill, I would argue, and I think that there hasn't been a good reason for why the current system we have in place doesn't work. I know in Douglas County alone there are over 3,000 DWI arrests each year, and those are working their way through the system. Granted, the system isn't perfect, but to change it, take it out of the court system, and put it into an administrative system that is governed solely by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Director, thereof, even