

SENATOR HALL: No.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. There are no other lights. For the purpose of discussing the adoption of the amendment, Senator Beyer, did that constitute your close? Thank you. The question is, then, the adoption of the Beyer amendment to LB 799. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the Beyer amendment.

SENATOR BEYER: I hate to have to extend...get everybody back here but we might have to if we can't...there is one more. If we get one more vote, we wouldn't have to work on that. Still need one more vote, I guess...there it is.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Record please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays on the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. The Chair is pleased to note that Senator Lowell Johnson had some guests in our south balcony a few minutes ago, they have now left the Chamber, 26 fourth graders from North Bend Elementary with their teacher. Back to the bill as amended. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, this piece of legislation, as Senator Hall said, is one that I think is more important than we give due credit to at this point, and so a little discussion is in order. I think anything we can do to stop drunk drivers is something to be supported up to a reasonable limit. There may be certain considerations that we have to keep in mind to be practical, or what have you, and keeping that in mind, I want to point out to you that just, I think it was last year or the year before Senator Hall and I dealt with this issue of refusal of taking the test, and we had a situation where the penalty had been reduced from one year to six months and I wanted to raise it back up to one year because too many people were not taking the test, were refusing the test, and, thus, not getting convicted of drunk driving, and not having an adequate penalty to deter them from that. Senator Hall and I sat down with that legislation and came up with a compromise that ended up being I think pretty good and is wiped out by this bill, and so I raise concern about trying to change a procedure that we just adopted that has been working, I think,