

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to pause for a moment and recognize some guests of Senator Rogers under the south balcony, Sylvia Fowler from Arcadia and Tammy Morrow Julesgard from Scotia. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. We thank you. We are glad to have you with us. Senator Haberman, further discussion, followed by Senators Warner and Hall.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, and members of the body, maybe we are looking at this all wrong. Possibly we should consider the parents who have had members of their family killed by a drunken driver, or a person under the influence of drugs. Maybe we should talk to some of those fathers who have two or three children to raise and the mother was killed due to DWI or influence of a drug. Or we can turn around the other way and talk to the mother who has lost a father of her family. You can't bring a life back. You can't do that. Drunken drivers and people under the influence of drugs kill all ages of people and they do it all of the time. Now if this legislation, and you can quibble over the time limits, whether they refused it or didn't refuse it, you can talk about that all you want to, but if the legislation passes and it saves one life, just one, it is well worth it. It is well worth it. Now maybe it could be the purpose for this legislation is that I understand in one county in the State of Nebraska, when a person is arrested for DWI, and possibly even convicted for DWI, they are put on probation. They go through a program. They don't lose their license. Possibly it belongs in the Department of Motor Vehicles because the courts have become very, very lenient. Plea bargaining has become a matter of life. Hardly anyone gets the sentence that they started out because it is plea bargained. So all we are saying is if someone refuses to take the test, their license is revoked for 30 days unless they put some steps into the procedure. Now what is wrong with that? At least when this person was stopped and if they were under the influence, they were stopped and they won't drive anymore and save that one life. So I would say this, if there seems to be a problem or with the number of days, fine, advance the bill, work out a compromise on Select File, but I, personally, think we need the legislation. We need stricter laws. We need them to be enforced, and if they are going to be enforced faster and quicker in the Department of Motor Vehicles, so be it. Maybe that