

support the bill but oppose this amendment. This amendment guts the bill. This is a cleverly designed amendment which would make the bill unconstitutional, if I am understanding the amendment correctly, and that this would give the agency, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the right to impose criminal penalties which is unconstitutional. This is just a method of those people who oppose this bill of killing the bill. So if this gets on, the bill is just as good as dead because it is unconstitutional. An agency cannot impose criminal penalties. And, also, I would like to express my support for the bill without this amendment on there. It is, as some other people have said, Senator Haberman, Senator Warner, Senator Crosby, we could nit pick this to death, you know, but the basic down-to-earth fact is whether or not you want to reduce drunk driving. Do you want to reduce drunk driving? Do you want to continue to let people who should not be driving drive while drunk? That is it. That is it in a nutshell, and we can talk about the rights of the driver, but that should come second to the rights of those people to live that are going to be affected by this drunk driver. So I just urge you people to vote against the amendment and then adopt the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Further discussion on the amendment? Senator Rogers, would you care to discuss the amendment, followed by Senator Beyer.

SENATOR ROGERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members, I really want to address the bill, but in case I don't get a chance, I oppose the amendment, also, and I haven't asked these particular people but the two ladies that you just introduced, Mr. Speaker, one of them lost a daughter or a sister. The driver continued to drive for seven months. I would truly hope that this bill would take care of that possibility. I mean we have been nit picking, some of the lawyers, Senator Haberman mentioned it, and Senator Warner. I don't think we are taking the rights away from anyone. I mean, like Senator Crosby said, the implied consent law still applies in this state, so I strongly would ask you to defeat the amendment but support the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Beyer, followed by Senators Warner, Bernard-Stevens, and Langford.

SENATOR BEYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, I also would oppose the amendment. Like Senator Lamb says, it does gut the bill. I guess some of the senators arguing for the amendment