

give to a department the right to punish before the courts have found them guilty. And with that explanation, I'll withdraw the amendment to have further discussions with Senator Beyer. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn. Back to the advancement of 799. Is there discussion? Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President. I...my mind is working with all sorts of funny little amendments to put on, but I'm not going to offer them in light of Senator Hall's comments and discussion with Senator Beyer about attempts to work this out, and it may not be able to be worked out, but it's worth a shot I guess. I do have a problem with the concept. I can't vote for the bill at this time. I may never be able to vote for the bill, but again, I would just stress before we go to a vote to ask you to think about what you're doing and make sure we understand what we're doing. If we think it's good policy to abrogate the presumption of innocence, then go ahead and vote for the bill. If we think we should still stick with the innocent until proven guilty standard, then vote against the bill. I think that is what it comes down to even though it may be taking away a privilege instead of taking away a right or taking away a license instead of putting somebody in jail, we're still talking about that presumption that we have based our entire government upon for the past 200 years. Let's not take a step away from it. Let's vote against the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Other discussion? Seeing none, Senator Beyer, would you care to make a closing statement?

SENATOR BEYER: Well, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I think the discussion today has been good. Been a lot of points brought out on both sides. Hopefully, you will look at my side of the bill and agree with it, but also by the same token, I know that legislation is an act of compromise and I am willing to work with Senator Bernard-Stevens and then Senator Hall and Senator Lindsay if he wants to get involved to see if we can work out the areas in disagreement. Hopefully, we can come up with something because, basically, the thing I think that all of them have stated is we need to get the drunk driver off the road. It's just that the process that we arrive at to do that, and I know that...I agree, 799 is a tough approach but drunk driving is a very serious crime and, you know, if you go to that fact that we have to do something and what it is we will try to work