

about everything we do anymore, and it is a way to help prevent it. After all, basically, what we're after is to get the drunk driver off the road and prevent the deaths. In the other, what is it, 27 states that have got this law in effect, that all showed a reduction in drunk driving deaths and I think that that means that it has been working and it will work here. I guess here we're arguing a livelihood for the defense attorneys. They are unhappy with it and they don't like it because at the present time some of them will go and ask for continuances and everything and drag these out in courts for a long period of time and I think that's the wrong impression that we need to give to people. I think we need to get them initially right away and go ahead and let them go on through the court system at that time. But all the statistics, administrative per se laws do more than get us federal funds. The purpose of the bill is to remove drunk driving from the road and this has been done in other states where the administrative law, per se laws, have been enacted. So I think that that is proof that it does do the job and with that I would urge your defeat of the Lindsay amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the amendment by Senator Lindsay and the question really is very simple. Is driving a right or is it a privilege and most of us believe it's a privilege which should be shared by all people and we should not be at risk because we have drunk drivers on the road. And Senator Lindsay and Senator Hall don't agree, and they would relax the restrictions we have at this point. I don't think that's what this Legislature wants to do. I don't think that's what the people of the State of Nebraska want to do. I think we should adopt Senator Beyer's amendment without further amendment and go on from here trying to protect the citizens of the state from drunk drivers.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members, again, I rise in support of Senator Lindsay's amendment to the bill. And probably the best argument for supporting Senator Lindsay's amendment and opposing 799 in even the amended version which is a better version but it clearly is still a poor piece of legislation in my mind, is exactly what Senator Beyer just said.