

change to be proposed because it is the first one in line. It is clearly just not true that this is going to have any kind of impact, but a very good monetary one on what the defense attorneys say about the drunk driving laws because this will throw a monkey wrench into a system that, through Senator Beyer's own admission, has quintupled the number of guilty pleas in the last two years since the passage of that law. That is exactly what it does. You're going to go back from 500...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...to 100. You're going to go absolutely in reverse. You're going to think because you pulled that license away for 30 days or six months or a year or whatever it ends up being, that that is going to take care of the problem. Ladies and gentlemen, those people are going to continue to drive. Taking away that plastic card doesn't keep them off the road. They are going to continue to drive if they're going to keep their jobs. You're not going to correct the situation. Now we get them into court, now we get them to plead, now we get them into treatment programs, now we put them on probation, we make them go to class, that won't happen under this law. You're going in reverse. You're going backwards instead of forwards. You're putting your emphasis on the wrong side and it just won't work. You're going to be back here in a couple years to change it unless you look at some of these amendments...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...instead of just blindly pushing the button.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lindsay, followed by Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could I ask Senator Beyer a couple of questions?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Beyer, would you respond?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Beyer, if I'm reading correctly, I think you had a handout that said we get about \$500,000 a year for five years from the federal government. Is that correct?

SENATOR BEYER: Mmm, hmm, yes.