

who make their living need all the tools they can to get clients. But somewhere along the line you start to think about the poor people who were killed, you ought to, you ought to think about the fact that you drink voluntarily, nobody pours it down your throat. If you want the opportunity to help make our highways safer, if you want the opportunity to save some lives, then I urge you to reject this amendment as it now stands, because it's been gutted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Beyer, followed by Senators Hall, Lindsay and Lamb.

SENATOR BEYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, I think Senator Warner voiced it a lot better than I can. I would urge at this time that you do reject the...my amendment as it has been amended now. It basically guts the bill, guts the intent of it, will leave these people drive until they do go to court. Sometimes they will be involved in more than one incident. And it gives them more protection for those people than it does for the people that are out there having to face them, you, me, every one of us has to think about the time that one of those people could run into us, or into our family and kill our families as well as anybody else. It seems that this Legislature today is going on record in favor of that. So, with that, I would urge your rejection of the amendment as amended. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of the amendment after it's been amended by Senator Lindsay, because basically what Senator Warner said. The amendment that we just adopted does not gut the bill, it does not gut or allow individuals to continue to drive drunk. If that were the case, where are the folks that were clamoring to have this bill pass? This bill is left over from last year. Senator Beyer picked it as his priority. Where is the cry and the hue with regard to the problems on the road? As a matter of fact, alcohol related deaths from 1988 to 1989 went down 8 percent in the highways of Nebraska. Much of that has to do with implied consent law that we passed during that time frame. In no way did we gut anything. What we did is retain a provision in our drunk driving law, one of the strictest in the country, especially when you get into multiple occurrences, which it should be. We retained a provision that is currently working and working well. The only reason this bill was