

I'm not as adamant against it as I am 799 in its currently unamended form. The...but I do believe that these aren't just things we come in and we do willy-nilly without talking about how the system works and whether or not it impacts the system. Senator Kristensen stated that in his conversation with Senator Conway that this is a tool that the courts and the prosecutors feel they need. That's difficult to argue against. We are, as has been stated, at the tail end of the session, we are amending one bill into another. There are going to be other bills that don't get an opportunity to even be addressed, let alone offered as amendments to other bills. You're dealing with a whole new area in terms of the drug testing, the evidentiary procedure that is laid out in LB 1020 through the Kristensen amendment. It isn't exactly something that has been around for a long time. But I know that the issue is new and the issue of someone driving under the influence of drugs is not something that our laws currently address. I intend to vote no on the procedural issue. And the issue of the evidentiary aspect of the amendment is one that I may offer an amendment to address that. The balance of the amendment, I guess, the urine issue, with regard to the question of its validity, how the courts have dealt with that in terms of throwing it out, or not allowing the test to be evidence, I can't argue with that, it's difficult to. But you are dealing with a new aspect. This is not something that has been through the system before. You are changing the procedure. That part of the proposal, as well as the procedural issue, is one that I don't agree with.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Kristensen, it appears that there are no other lights on. Would you like to close?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, I would, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I wish I had the burning "vengent" voice of a Senator Warner, or the window-rattling voice of George Coordsen, both who stand up and say, well, shucks, I'm just a farmer and I can't give a speech very well, but that the place just drops absolutely silent when they speak. And, unfortunately, the only experience I have right here is one that I'm not real pleased that I have to come up and take a bill that Senator Beyer has worked long and hard for. And I think he deserves our thanks and his staff for the work they have put into this bill. But, if we don't do something, you're letting one of the largest tragedies occur, and that is let drunk drivers go who we apprehend and who we know are guilty and who have over the legal limit in their body, but because they are either lucky enough or