

amendments become the bill. And you'll have plenty of discussion, I believe, this morning, and most all of those will be centered around the committee amendments to do it. During the last five years there have been a large number of bills who have come to the Transportation Committee dealing with drunk driving. Last year in particular there were two bills that came in that caught our attention, there was actually a few more with some other collateral issues, but that proposed major changes in state law with drunk driving. The Transportation Committee held long hearings on those bills, and as a result found ourselves hesitant. We weren't sure, as a committee, that we were ready to proceed and put a bill onto the floor. The committee unanimously, last year, entered into an interim study where we combined all the bills, put all the issues, and took the study across the State of Nebraska. We had four public hearings last year, Omaha, Kearney, North Platte, and in Lincoln. As a result of those hearings, they were standing room only hearings. We had people from all over, a lot of interest in changing drunk driving laws, examining them. It's been about ten years since we've had any major changes in the area of law. We've reacted to a few Supreme Court cases now and then. As a result of those public hearings this year we have an amendment that has passed out of the Transportation Committee, seven-oh. And the amendment does the following things, it makes ten changes. And I'm going to try to briefly run through those ten changes. I know there are some amendments to the amendments. But let me at least give you the basics of what we think is a comprehensive approach to the drunk driving problem. It changes areas in procedure, it changes area of policy, and it also changes some of the current trends that we see coming and we believe are necessary. Some of these are requested by federal government, some are not, some of these aren't going to comply exactly with what the federal government wants to do. I don't see this as a fund raising project just to gain more federal funds. The ten changes, the first one is we increased penalties. In the first offense area we go from 30 to 60 days of imprisonment, and the second offense area we change from 90 days a ' increase that penalty. We also look at making some mandatory minimum penalties in the area of second offense. Those become 30 days as mandatory minimum, and a \$500 fine. So we have increased penalties. You always have the opportunity for probation. Remember, these are in the criminal area. These are where you're charged with something and you would go through county court. The second change is in the area of motor vehicle homicide cases. Motor vehicle homicide is where you cause the