

hallowed halls of this building that will ever stop that. What we can do is educate people. That's what we have done. That's what the law has done. That's what we continue to do. But ALR provisions, administrative hearings that take the whole process out of the judicial system, mandatory penalties that are doubled for no cause, not when the statistics show that absolutely the opposite is true, that the penalties that are in place today are working, that they're being enforced, and they are justified, and that they frankly have folks thinking twice. I can guarantee it, my family is in the business. Folks, think long and hard before they ever get behind the wheel. It has had a tremendous impact on the retail level, the sale of alcohol. We are talking about taking the first offense from 30 days of jail time to 60 days. I'd like to see a survey done, and I'd like to see it done across the state because it would be interesting to find out how many individuals for first offense drunk driving, especially in the cases where there is no personal property damage and there is no personal injury damage, have ever received 30 days in jail. But yet we're going to go about the process of doubling that penalty for some unknown reason. I...I...I have yet to find out or to hear why it makes good sense to double that penalty. Maybe the people that are supporting this proposal would stand up on other issues as they relate to penalties and to crimes and argue that the penalty...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...should fit the crime, that what government is all about and what the justice system is all about is not to be punitive in nature. As a matter of fact we should not seek revenge, as some would argue in the case of, for example, the death penalty. And I would be in that chorus, and I'm in that chorus here because this is one category of crime where we have said it is okay to be punitive, it is okay to take revenge, it is okay to stamp their heads with a scarlet letter, and that's exactly what we're about in this type of legislation. And it doesn't deal with the problem. Whether you make me sit in jail for 30 days or 60 days doesn't matter, just means I lose my job. It doesn't mean a difference and I'm going to lose it at 30 days just as well as 60, unless I happen to be an executive who has that kind of ability or time to do that, makes no matter.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR HALL: And the question is, is the penalty even going to