

you, then that makes you subject to this punishment. I think it is a ridiculous provision as it stands now, and I think it is grossly unfair. It is not dealing with drunk driving. Senator Kristensen has not told you that these youngsters with that amount of alcohol in their blood cause accidents. He has not said any of that. He said this is the stick that you are going to use to punish those youngsters who you think should not consume alcohol under any circumstances. And that is what he has got to be saying because the law makes it legal for a youngster to consume alcohol at home with the parent's permission. So it is not illegal in Nebraska for youngsters to drink alcohol. It is not illegal. So the only time you should punish them if they come out is the way and under the circumstances you would punish anybody else if we are talking about the consumption of alcohol and things that should not be done after consuming it. Senator Kristensen wants to punish young people because they are young, that is what this says. And if we can punish them because they are young in this area, then when a group comes in and says youngsters are unruly in another area, then we will punish them because they are young and we will use something else as an excuse. It would be different if I were standing up here saying that I think anybody, young or old, should escape...

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...sanctions if he or she has a concentration of alcohol that impairs that person's ability to do what you have to do to safely manipulate an automobile, but that is not even what we are talking about. We are not talking about drunk driving. We are not talking about accidents. We are not talking about safety. We are talking about punishing young people for being young and punishing them more harshly than we punish adults for doing the same thing. I don't see the rationality. I don't see the fairness. And I think it is inconsistent with the philosophy of this bill as found in those words on page 27.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, you are next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, if I may, I'd like to put a couple of hypotheticals to you and see if I am understanding the bill the way it would operate accurately without this amendment.