

knew that it was there and needed to be discussed and allowed it to be substituted. Frankly, knowing Senator Hall's inclinations on this bill, he probably would oppose even this amendment. But I rise in support of the Baack amendment. I think that it strikes a good balance between those of us who have been having some problems with LB 291 as it came out in the committee amendments, and those who have been supportive. As I said, in debate last week, I want to vote for LB 291 because I think there are areas of our DWI laws that need to be improved. And I think that there are some good elements in the committee amendments. The Baack amendment takes care of what...a few of the things that I consider more onerous. It puts in some...also some very good things, two of which I want to mention right now. The one is that the maximum penalty for third offense is increased, and a new category, the fourth offense, is created. And I think that's extremely important because these are the people that we want to get at. We don't need to get at the guy who's out there, who's operating his car without any problem at all, who, for some reason, has a headlight or a taillight out and gets stopped. He's not the problem. The problem is the guy that continually gets in his car, having had too much to drink, gets caught and simply goes back and does it again. Those are the people that we need to be aiming at. And I think that the Baack amendment focuses us on those people. The other thing that I think is important is that it reduces the increase in jail time on a second offense from 30 days to 5 days. And I think that's crucial, because I know in Douglas County...I don't know that our jails could handle an increase to 30 days minimum for second offense. I just don't know that we have the jail space in Douglas County. The jail space we do have, I think, ought to be devoted to...to people that are robbing people, people that are engaged in the drug trade, people of that type. So, with that, I would ask your support of the Baack amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: I'll allow my time to Senator Kristensen to finish his explanation.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Beyer. The other parts that I wanted to look at here is that the automatic license, or administrative license revocation, ALR, procedure is done in a