

manner to speed up the process. And Senator Baack's amendment is going to say that if you come in and plead guilty to this, we're going to suspend the ALR. The ALR does have a longer suspension period to it. So if you go to the criminal area, you're going to lose your license for 60 days instead of 90 days. The drafting problem that Senator Baack and I discussed, I think Senator Baack understands that there's the problem, if this gets put on, I'm going to probably ask that the bill be held up so we...if you can redraft that just to correct it, because, quite frankly, if the amendment gets voted on like it is now, messes up the procedure real, real bad, real bad. And I think you need to be talking about policy, and we'll worry about how stuff gets drafted, because I don't want to see the bill move on with bad...with a problem, not bad (inaudible), but just a problem of doing that. I think one of the things, though, that is essential to look at is what do we do with some of these other items. What do you do with prior convictions? If you're going to restrict it down to six years, that becomes a very difficult period of time. If you're going to have four offenses in that short period of time, you've really got a problem. And then if you're going to take that and run that suspension for 15 years, that...that's very difficult to do. Think of four offenses in six years, you've, obviously, got somebody who has a tremendous alcohol problem that shouldn't be out on the highway. It's going to be a lot easier for five years, because part of that time, on your fourth conviction, you're going to be in the penitentiary, in the prison, and you're probably going to have some treatment in there. But you're at least not going to be out in the general public to do that. I have...I have some problem with making the fourth offense a felony. The penitentiary is full. We serve on prison alternatives now to make the penitentiary full of people because they have that fourth conviction. Everything else in drunk driving is a misdemeanor, except for the hard-core that has a lifetime, or a 15-year suspension. There's just some way you've got to get that person off the road and you warehouse them. That isn't necessarily true with a fourth conviction. So it's a little like Senator Hall's honey and poison the other day. There's a good part of this that talks about some increased penalties, there's some good parts on third and fourth offense, but the...the part that gets you is the number of years of counting with it. You know, for that reason I'm...I'm still going to...we voted that already, I'm going to oppose the amendment at this point, just on policy grounds. Thank you.