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SPEAKER BAACK: Not to harass the bill at all, it's an attempt to try to move to some middle ground so we can move forward on the issue.

SENATOR ABBODD: Okay, thank you. In that case, I'm going to be supporting the amendment. It...as I said, this bill is a major step forward. And I think I agree with Senator Kristensen's remarks that he gave when he opened up on the bill, that this bill that's been brought by Senator Beyer is probably the most sweeping change in drunk driving laws that we've had...

SENATOR WARNER: Time.

SENATOR ABBODD: ...in the last ten years. So, for that reason, I'm going to be supporting the amendment, as well as the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Baack and I are discussing parts of...there are a number of questions. This is not the easiest issue to deal with because there...there is federal funds that make this thing work. We're going to have to have hearing officers that come in and conduct these administrative license revocation hearings. And one of the things are that you have to have 90 days of license revocation, that's the federal mandate. And I don't like the federal government telling me how to run my state, I don't think any of us do. I get tired of it when I have to do it with seatbelts. I get tired of it when I have to do it with clean air. I get tired of it with the disabilities act because I think the state is probably better off knowing what is good for our state and how to run our state. But, quite frankly, there are some things that we have to swallow and look at. ALR is one of those things that we're going to, by October of 1993, need to have done and been doing, and we're going to...at this point it makes good policy as well. Now I support ALR, to this point, I think that it's good. Part of Senator Baack's amendment, though, doesn't give us a 90-day revocation period of time, it only gives us 60. Now I don't know whether that kicks us out. I know Senator Baack has looked at that, and it's a close call. There's a close call on a couple of these things. I just look at the number of years. There's a lot of things in this amendment and, as I say, there are some of those things that I can certainly accept, there's some that I can't. And we're here on amendments to the amendments, it's a pre...it's a majority of