

and alcohol, Senator Chambers has mentioned some of them. A lot of the family problems that we deal with every day are caused by alcohol. People do not know how to use it. People do not know how to keep it from their children and when you talk about teenagers and even grade school children drinking these days, that's a sad comment on our society. So I am at the point where I will support both of these amendments. I think you've done a really fine job of separating some of the issues so we can end up with at least half a good bill or maybe a whole good bill, who knows, by the time we get finished this evening and on Final Reading. I just feel that what I get from people and I sent out a newsletter in February and had a questionnaire on it, just a few questions and one of them was about DWI. Almost every person that returned that questionnaire to me said that our laws, our DWI laws were not strict enough and that they are not being enforced. So this bill at least is a beginning to get us to the point where we do get stricter enforcement and so that the laws do make a difference to people who drink and then drive. So I thank you again, Senator Kristensen and Senator Beyer, and for the Transportation Committee and all the people that have worked on it. I'll support both amendments and I'll support the bill and if it's not perfect, which none of the bills ever are, if it's not perfect, next year we can try again. But right now I urge every one of you to support this bill. We simply must do something about DWI, something significant. We've got to cope with the problem instead of being part of the problem. And we are part of the problem when we don't send the message to judges and the judicial system and to people, to citizens who drink, that they've got to, if they want to drink, fine, do not drive. And the only way you stop people I think is just making it so tough that they're at least going to think twice or maybe even six or seven times before they have that extra drink and then go out and get in that car. The car turns into a lethal weapon when you get a person behind that wheel who has been drinking and each person is different.

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: Every person is different on how alcohol affects him or her so that is the thing that you've got to realize that it doesn't make any difference whether one person has had a one drink. One drink is too many for so many people. So now is the time. Please support the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Abboud.