

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I would also rise to thank Senator Beyer and Senator Kristensen for all the time that they've put into this particular bill. I feel that we have a real concern in the loss of federal funds that could occur without the administrative revocation of licenses that we need to have something in the statute and if we don't, then we will lose a substantial amount of federal money. I also am concerned. I supported the amendment that was adopted earlier on Select File and I had my concern that a lot of excellent provisions of this bill may not be adopted into law because of the opposition that have been fighting this bill. The problem with this bill is that we're late in the session and we're dealing with this bill under a time restraint. I looked up on the Clerk's desk to see what amendments are on this bill and it's substantial, and I have confidence in the aspirations of Senator Beyer and Senator Kristensen in seeking to adopt a lot of these changes in this particular amendment, but I am concerned that the adoption of these changes will result in the ultimate nonpassage of this bill. There are some sections that I particularly do like. Section 4 dealing with the...providing that DWI and implied consent laws shall apply on all highways anywhere throughout the state except private property which is not open to public access. I carried that piece of legislation a number of years ago and it is something that should be done in this state. It's a tragedy that we have individuals out on the highway that commit, they are drunk, they are driving in private parking lots or apartment complexes. They injure individuals as well as themselves, hitting parked cars and lamp posts and they cannot be punished under our laws. Now that's a substantial piece of legislation and the laws dealing with penalties are very important and so is the administrative revocation a very important part of our language dealing with drunk driving. But we are dealing with a handful of days left and a substantial amount of legislation to enact. I'm really wondering if the best approach isn't to, as Senator Crosby said, maybe pass something and then come back and try to change it next year. I guess I'm going to be in the hands of the introducers of the bill, but I just don't know if that's the best kind of strategy for the enactment of this bill. Drunk driving bills are a little different because so many different people have carried legislation and so many different people have been impacted by drunk drivers on the highway. People that drive drunk should have their license taken away. And maybe there are those that feel that we should give them a second chance, but I have a real