

the Legislature have said breath test is okay. How many of you have actually heard any evidence? But we're going to make that decision, we're going to say breath test is okay, even though there are quite a few problems with it. The breath...to allow somebody's livelihood to be taken away, and don't kid yourself, people's livelihoods will be taken away. I know a defendant in Douglas County who was a delivery driver, making about \$28,000 a year, got a DWI, lost his license, because he lost his license he lost his job, ended up the state is supporting him right now, I should say the state is supporting his family. He got charged with robbery a little bit later because he had no source of income. The...we are taking people's livelihoods. Look in your own, look in your own neighborhood, look in your own districts. How many people drive for a living? How many people have to drive to get back and forth? How many people have to drive their grain to the elevator? If we take that away, how would you like to have your license suspended, when you're innocent mind you, have your license suspended during harvest time? Wouldn't that be neat. There's a lot of...we're going to do that, though. We are going to be taking the licenses from people who were not driving drunk. If they're driving...I was telling Senator Kristensen, I don't have...I don't have a problem with the rest of the bill, I don't agree with all of it, but if it strengthens the DWI laws, okay, because we're not trampling on people and getting them lost in the shuffle, and that's what we're doing under this amendment, under AM3915. At least this one lightens the load and gets to those cases where we know there really is a problem. It takes away those where there is an issue to it. As I mentioned, we've got cases from right here in Nebraska, I gave you one from Senator Bernard-Stevens' district, but we're not even close, .179, when his alcohol content was .000 and that's because the breath test was done by troopers or police officers who have a limited amount of training. The blood test, I shouldn't say limited, they give whatever the state requires. The blood test is given by technicians who are certified by whatever the language is in 3901 and 3915. There are so many potentials for abuses, or I shouldn't say abuses, problems with giving a breath test that it's...it is so unreliable to be basing a very heavy-handed revocation of a license. I would urge the body to adopt the amendment, at least make ALR, if we're going to have it, at least make it more palatable. If there's any time remaining, I would give it to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers, you have one minute.