

the committee hearings, and of course when I have a hearing, and I guess all of us, from time to time, have victims who come in and I go well, of course, the victims are going to be exercised and emotional and...because of what happened to their particular instance, that they are maybe not objection, and I know that from the legal system that I don't want the victims being the people who do the sentencing in criminal cases, and so on, that's the reason I want juries, and that's the reason I want people who are independent to look at these things. And so we had the public hearings, and I walked out of there thinking, well, there are certainly some things we need to do with drunk driving, but ALR really isn't one of those things that I want to do. But as the session drew on, last year, and taxes became an issue, and I had some time to look at it and reflect, the committee got together and the committee was pretty split. We didn't put the bill out, committee had some heart-to-hearts and we had one big meeting, towards the end of the session where we decided to put out a study resolution and not do anything last year. And so we did that. And I thought, well, that's fine, we'll go along and look at it, and maybe Senator Beyer may not have the same desire, may lose interest, or maybe there are some other things that can be done instead of this, to look at it. But we had public hearings. We took those hearings not only to Lincoln and Omaha, we took them out to Kearney and out to North Platte. And we had overflow crowds. And I didn't necessarily see people come to those hearings who were the victims, who were there for a cause for themselves. And I didn't necessarily see people come to those hearings who were single issue people, who had advanced their cause, or their position, or their organization. All those people were there, but I saw a lot of what I would say average people, average in the sense that they had no axe to grind, and I saw an amazing number of younger people. And as I got to reading and looking at this further and further, and I, quite frankly, started looking at the federal law as well, seeing what is going to come up in the next few years, and I think Senator Horgan can well attest to you what that may look like, ALR kept creeping up, and up, and up. In fact, I must tell you that .08 is in the federal law at some point in time. But ALR kept coming up again, and again, and again, so I began to read. Started to read the United States Supreme Court cases. United States Supreme Court cases certainly indicates that it's a good policy to have the prompt removal of licenses, not only for swift punishment, but for the safety issue, the safety of removing impaired drivers. These rights, these rights, we've got all these rights, and we can't,