

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Kristensen was talking and he said the first acquaintanceship he had with this bill found him to be skeptical, very skeptical. Then he read some court cases that talked about swift and sure punishment or something like that, and some considerations of safety. But when I was talking back and forth with him he stated that should the police officer take a person's drivers license, the police officer immediately gives that person a permit by which that person can continue driving for 30 days. So where is the safety factor? If that person was a hazard, then why is that person going to continue to be allowed to drive anyway? There goes that part of the argument. And if it turns out that the person should not have had his or her drivers license revoked in that manner, then the punishment that Senator Lindsay... Senator Kristensen praises so much was inflicted on an innocent person. So there is no safety that is being insured, but there is a very good possibility that an innocent person could go through this punishment that Senator Kristensen is anxious to have imposed immediately. None of us who are opposed to this bill, none of us who is opposed to this bill is speaking in favor of drunk driving. When I say that I am against warrantless searches of people's homes, I am not saying that I approve of whatever supposedly is going on in that home that would draw the attention of law enforcement officers. I'm saying that there are certain rights that people are guaranteed to have in this country. And those rights are not given by the government, those rights belong to you by virtue of your being a human being and the Constitution protects you from the government infringing on those rights. Because of the poor educational systems, the backward way that laws are administered in this country, people think that rights they have are given to them by the government. The government is not bestowing rights, the government is prohibited from infringing on these rights. This is why people, if they properly have an understanding, will fight even the government to protect themselves against inappropriate actions that deprive them of their rights. It's why Thomas Jefferson said every generation a revolution would be a good thing to have. And people love Thomas Jefferson. There are farmers... I had something here that I can't make out. But I think about the farmers who used to always come to me when times were even worse than they are now and tell me how sheriffs would be in league with bankers and harass them for the banker, and