

that's what's going to happen. So instead of willy-nilly putting in a lot of mandatory sentences, we need to be very discreet, very discriminating in how we proceed on this. And with that having been said, when I get my next time to speak, I am going to address Senator Crosby's concern about the drunk drivers and the repeaters.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, your light is on next followed by Senator Lindsay, Crosby, and Beutler.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Crosby, I hope you will take me at my word when I tell you I am not in favor of drunk driving. I don't want to do anything to encourage it, and I hope that can be out of the way. But if it becomes necessary for me to say it again if somebody wonders if I am leaning in that direction, I hope they will feel free to challenge me based on what I've said compared to what I think we ought not to do. Frustration besets a lot of people in society when they see a particular kind of conduct that they really find reprehensible, hurtful to others, and seem unable to find a way to prevent people from behaving in the way that they choose to have them behave, so the only reaction is to try to impose a very harsh punishment. That is the attitude in America. It has been the attitude ever since this country started, and slavery had something to do with it because people were owned, and since they were owned, they could be treated in a physical way any way anybody chose. It was found that in the areas where slavery existed, the free, white population, composed primarily of poor, white people, had a greater degree of violence manifested there than in areas where slavery didn't exist because they saw violence being inflicted by who were considered the better classes of society. Even today, the south is the most violent area of the country. They execute more people. They have the states where people are allowed by the law to carry concealed weapons. It was in the south that you had the bombing in Oklahoma City, so there is a mind-set which develops when people think that the proper response to conduct of which you don't approve is violence and escalating violence. Then you affect the attitude of the public and they reflect in their conduct the lessons taught to them by the government. So as frustrated as people are with people who drive and drink, I think it would be a mistake to take an action which is not deliberate, which is not intended, and put it in the category of knowing, intentional acts, acts by which the perpetrator intends to hurt somebody, knows that somebody is going to be hurt. In most of the cases