

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr...thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will speak just one more time. I was madly dragging things out of my big drawer here because last year I kept a bunch of clippings and so on having to do with DWI, because we worked on this now for another two years, but I understand what you're saying, Senator Chambers. I know that you don't condone drunk driving, so don't worry about that. But I do thank you, Senator Lindsay, for clearing up one thing I had in my mind, that this is just one of a series of things that would be listed as a habitual criminal life. I guess we'll put it that way. It wouldn't necessarily be one motor vehicle homicide, and a judge would come along and say, well, you're a habitual criminal so we'll put you in jail forever. No, I understand that. But when you start to look at some of the DWIs who are habitual DWIs, it comes down to habitual criminality. There is some mind-set, or some irresponsibility that, and I have the clipping on Michael Fogerty. Michael Fogerty has driven drunk on Lincoln streets again, this is last year. He has been convicted of driving while intoxicated seven times since 1977. He has killed someone, he has been in prison, he has been suspended. Now he is suspended until May 7, 2007. If you think that's a long way away, it is only 11 years or so. But the point is that he continues to go back and drive, even though he is suspended and he continues to drink, and when you get to the point where you're taking...when you're taking other people's lives in your hands and, no, not every drunk driver kills someone, but enough of them do to where I think it's a real problem that we need to cope with. So I, as I said before, I am going to support this amendment because I think it's a step forward in at least apprehending some of these people, and I think a lot of them do go and do other things. They, perhaps, rob, or they write bad checks, or they are irresponsible with their family, they don't pay their child support because you don't have any money because they don't work because they drink all the time and they can't get to work, or they don't have a car, or they borrow somebody's car and wreck it, and they have no insurance. It's a long list of problems that families have with people who drink and drive continually, and who cannot control it, even...many of these people are very adroit at taking all the rehabilitation classes, and being really good at them and all, and they go out and do the same thing over again because they have that ability to let people think that, yeah, I understand and I am not going to do that anymore. So it's a real problem, psychological problem in