

many ways, but then all criminality has a psychological side to it. So I was interested when I found this and I am not going to hand anything around today because I'll save this for next year when we talk about our DWI bill, which I hope will come up early in '96. But there are 34 Nebraskans, including 19 from my own City of Lincoln, who have had ten or more convictions for driving while intoxicated. That is a frightening statistic for me because those people are bombshells out there waiting to go off because they just keep doing it, keep drinking, keep driving. Somebody lets them have a car. If I could figure out how they got cars, and if we can figure that out and keep them out of the car, we might have a chance, but somehow or another they get into that car. So I do think we have to be real careful.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: And I am pleased with this amendment, and I will support it. If any of you would like to see this clipping, I have some extras, but I just didn't think I would waste the paper today and to hand them around to you. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Witek, and Chambers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, I don't get much involved in criminal law, though years ago I used to when I was Chair of the Judiciary Committee. And I want to go back to that at a certain point in time, but I am not sure this is the appropriate point in time. Not that I ever want to return to the Judiciary Committee in any capacity, but go back to that experience and hopefully what I've gained from it, in addition to knowing that I don't want to go back to it anymore. In any event, what I wanted to do is to ask you, if I could, Senator Lindsay, a few questions just to remind me of how this all works, because I think in discussing not just this section, but a number of sections, having a common understanding in here of what we are talking about is going to be extremely important, and, frankly, I've kind of forgotten how some of these things work, and I know there have to be other people in here that are just learning how these things work. And we've kind of jumped into the middle of the debate, but could you begin by talking a little bit about the habitual criminal law, that is under our current law, how many times do you have to be convicted before you can then be charged as a habitual criminal, and how does