

maximum penalty down at that level. Those people generally are not going to be getting over into the other types of criminal activities. You're, generally, talking about somebody who is driving drunk, and either cannot or will not address an alcohol problem, and this would get, I think, a little more clearly at that activity, so that's what I am trying to work at, but I think it still gets back to the question of it's a serious offense, and you are talking about someone whose life is being lost, and I think somehow it ought to be treated. And I would repeat, again, the arguments that Senator Chambers has mentioned I have gone...I worked through before I agreed to carry the amendment. The amendment was brought to me by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. I visited with them in my office, and I think I, if I remember correctly, I explained to them this is why I've problems with this amendment that you are suggesting, and I think they understood where I was coming from. We talked about it a little bit, and my concern was, I think that it...I'm not...it frustrates me, anyway, to read about some of the repeat violent offenders. I am one that I guess my position, generally, on crime is that I want to make sure that the procedural rights are not violated, but once a conviction is properly obtained, and the rights have been guaranteed, penalties that are appropriate to the crime I think are important. And when we have situations, and I think Senator Crosby probably has a whole file of them, of repeat, what I think in this case, repeat, violent offense that somehow we are not getting at the behavior and stopping. We are not going to be hitting a whole lot of people, but at least those who've killed someone once, going out and kill somebody again, same circumstances, got drunk and got behind the wheel of a car, at least then we are.. we are protecting society from that person who has proven to society that they cannot control their drinking enough to protect society. So with that, I still think the basic underlying thought is that we ought to be addressing the behavior,...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...and with that, I will continue to work and see if we can get some language that might work, but, in the meantime, would continue to urge the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Mr. Clerk, do you have an announcement?