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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wickersham would like to have an Executive Session of the Retirement Committee at three o'clock in Room 2022; Retirement Committee, three o'clock, Room 2022.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, and before we proceed to the next speaker, the Chair would like to recognize some guests of Senator Fisher. In the north balcony, we have 17 fourth graders from Lincoln Elementary School in Grand Island with their teacher. If you would please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, I rise to support...and members. I rise to support this. I do want to ask Senator Lindsay a question, if I may.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Is it possible to get a habitual criminal charge with a motor vehicle homicide only under the influence? I mean, could you have three of these accumulate, if I understand this right, and fall under the habitual criminal just on motor vehicle homicide under the influence of alcohol, if I... am I interpreting this correctly?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Assuming, you mean assuming this amendment is adopted?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, okay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I support this. One of the things I sit here and think about is, Senator Chambers said we have not done this and made some good points, and I understand somewhat where he is coming from. My point is today, with increasing traffic, we all know that we are increasing traffic, it escapes me the statistics we have right now, the number of automobiles on the road, certainly it is different than it was 30 or 40 years ago. It is changing all the time and I think our laws need to change