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that was intoxicated, and he ran into five or six automobiles. And then when they got out, the person was obviously intoxicated and the police officer was very upset at this person for being involved in the...for bashing into these five cars, and finally they were stopped in front of...apparently stopped after he hit a van in an intersection. Now the police officer was upset and...at this individual for being involved in a high-speed pursuit, but the question is, should we have been upset with the police officer for chasing a drunk driver and imperiling five or six citizens in that particular city? I don't know. You know, I guess that's a policy decision we have to make, and we have to decide whether...

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...we're willing to endanger our neighbors, our daughters, our sons, our spouses involved, and someone that could be just stopped or going through an intersection, and these are the tough issues that we do have to deal with. Now Senator Maurstad has made a good faith attempt to try to deal with this problem, and I appreciate all the hard work that he has put into it. In trying to go through, the committee looked at trying to figure out how exactly this would work and it is very difficult to figure out how in a liability sense all this would work out, and I guess that's where our concern was. And, certainly, it's not something that's going to go away, and it will be something that I'm sure that will be introduced next year. But whether or not this is an issue that needs to be addressed in the short session, I really question it. And I guess for that reason, the committee, when we looked at it, examined the bill, we looked at our opportunities to making amendments, making changes, and having them stick when they hit the floor,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR ABOUD: We just...we decided that the best approach was just to kill the bill and deal with the issue next year. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.