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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The Chair recognizes Senator Robak on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. President, and I guess I'm speaking to the...not only the Chambers amendment but to...which I support...but to the entire bill. It's been a long time since we heard one of these feel good, do nothing bills and that's what it is. This is one of those bills that is going to make us feel good, but it's going to do nothing. We think that if we pass this bill, all of a sudden all the underage drinking problems will go away. Teenagers will never drink again. We're going to solve this problem and it's going to make us feel real good, and, in fact, it is not going to do anything at all. I would like to ask Senator Schellpeper where he got the facts that more teenagers in Nebraska drink and drive than any other state, where that came from?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: The Department of Health.

SENATOR ROBAK: The Department of Health in Nebraska?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR ROBAK: Did you check through any other state's Department of Health, or how do you get this?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Check what?

SENATOR ROBAK: Any other states' statistics on how many teenagers drink and drive?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, there's a national survey out, too, but we just checked the Department of Health.

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay. Thank you. At this time, we do have a zero tolerance level right now for teenag...for minors, teenagers, under 21. We do have a zero tolerance at this point in time, and at this point in time, I believe I'm correct here, the county attorneys can suspend driver's licenses for the first