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everybody, especially with youth. And I think we need to do what we can in this body to make that come true.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. For discussion on the Chambers amendment, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body. I signed onto this bill and I guess we are talking about the amendments, but in some ways I'm certainly more interested in the bill and think that maybe the amendments do, in fact, address some of the problems. I don't think that this...I'm...I don't...I wouldn't think that this bill might necessarily stop people from drinking, but it may stop...make them stop and think before they do drink, and I think that's what we're all about. We, as the legislators, I think have a duty to pass laws that protect our citizens, be they young or old, and I think that happens here daily. We pass laws or we work on laws that we think are for the benefit of the citizenry of this state, whether they be young or old. And I guess it appears that what we're trying to do is save some lives, and I do think that this kind of legislation will, in fact, help save some lives of teenagers. If I didn't think so, I wouldn't be...I wouldn't be supporting the bill. I think that it's our obligation to understand that as people are growing up they do look to the rules that we pass or the laws that we pass and if they are laws or rules that protect them, then I think that's an obligation that we have. It appears to me that that's what this bill does and, for that reason, I have to continue to support it. I signed on because I had a concern. I'm very aware of Senator Pedersen's bills that he's had here year after year, trying to accomplish the same issue and it's never been able to be successful. It's my hope this year it can be successful and we can, in fact, send a message out that we're trying to be protectors of the young people of this state. I don't think there's anybody in this body that doesn't know of some young person who was killed because of driving while in a group or driving while he had too much to drink. Young people, before they mature, sometimes don't understand the consequences. I