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doesn't matter and if these ideas are bad, if taking open alcohol containers out of the passenger compartment of a car is bad, or if increasing penalties for DWI repeat offenders is bad, then I wouldn't want to do it. But if those proposals are acceptable then in a couple years down the line this is going to amount to \$9.6 million a year, which is very much closely equivalent to one penny on the gas tax. And I think we are...we are not responsible, if we don't look very hard at this for all the reasons I've stated, but to include this reason. Because if I didn't bring this to you, I would feel I had not presented you with...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...an option that you need to know about. Thank you, Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Mr. Clerk, I understand you have an amendment.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend this particular component. (Read FA86, as found on page 1290 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, thank you, Madam President. Members of the Legislature, this is an item that I had mentioned to Senator Bromm earlier, because the existing language says...it's talking about what you will do with a vehicle of one of these people. And the area I'm dealing with talks about rendering of such motor vehicle or motor vehicles inoperable. By leaving the language that broad cops could come in with sledgehammers and beat the car into a pulp and they're not violating the law. To allow this kind of thing to be done with people's property is something I'm shocked a conservative Legislature like this will consent to without even raising the issue. I'm supposed to be a radical or a liberal or whatever that term is that's the opposite of these backward, hidebound, super-reactionaries. But you all just sit like knots on logs because somebody says the federal government is going to take some money. There has to be a philosophy which a state has relative to how its citizens are