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the minds of various lawmakers to criminalize that conduct. I'd like to ask Senator Bromm a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bromm, isn't it true that it is the consumption of alcohol which impairs a person's ability to drive effectively?

SENATOR BROMM: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If, and I'm making it an "if" for the sake of the example, a person would not consume alcohol while driving, it wouldn't matter if open containers were in the vehicle with that person, would it?

SENATOR BROMM: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it is the consumption and not just the possession itself that we're concerned about. We agree on that, I'm sure, but I'm working up to this question to you again now. We are making it illegal to possess an open alcoholic container in a private vehicle, even if nobody in that vehicle consumes it or has consumed any alcohol. Isn't that true?

SENATOR BROMM: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In the other exempted cases, persons not only could possess the containers, but they could have alcohol on their breath and not be in violation of the law, if you couldn't prove that it was consumed while the vehicle was moving. Isn't that true?

SENATOR BROMM: They could have alcohol on their breath if... You lost me on...on...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, they can possess the open alcohol container, even if they have alcohol on their breath, and not be in violation of the law.

SENATOR BROMM: If they're not consuming it, you mean.