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SENATOR BROMM: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to show...to make the point. We do have a general statute that says a person ought not drive faster than is reasonable under the circumstances. We know that would lead to some kind of variable consideration,...

SENATOR BROMM: Um-huh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...like if the visibility is poor, or the roads are slippery. I'm not talking about that at all, but just on regular roads where the speed limit, as posted, would be what we're dealing with. I'm going to discuss my amendment, but I don't want it adopted. I don't want mine adopted, I don't want this portion of the committee amendment adopted. I'm going to emphasize again what the purpose of LB 2...of LB 585 is. And to do that I'm going to read from our Legislative Agenda, to see what the public thinks it is we're talking about when we deal with this bill. The agenda says, LB 585, introduced by Bromm. "Change provisions for driving under the influence and vehicle impoundment." It doesn't say anything about raising these fines, nothing. The purpose of 585 is different. Because of the work that I had done with reference to speed limits and fines, I will fight tooth and nail any bill that was going to try to undercut and do away with that. (LB) 585 is a bill that will have provisions that I'm not going to like, no matter what form, ultimately, it takes. But on that bill I will battle the best that I can. And unless something just terribly egregious crops up in it, the bill probably...let me not say probably, may have enough support to pass. But if this amendment is added to it, 585 becomes something different. I don't even consider the drunk part of the bill; that's out of it as far as I'm concerned. The rest of the body or a majority may feel that raising fines on the interstate is more important than the drunk portions. So, if it's either/or, they would say throw it all away in order to try to raise these fines. And I will agree with that. If you're willing to throw it all away to do this, then we will undertake the battle. But I've got to roll the dice on General File, but I'll have two shots at it after General File; I'll have a shot on Select File, and on Final Reading. So, in view of Senator Bromm's willingness to allow that other provision that was being offered with reference to