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that are being made around the country. And there is progress being made in the proportion of traffic deaths blamed on alcohol use as they have fallen as a percentage of traffic deaths from 57 percent to 39 percent since the efforts starting in the eighties with respect to drunken driving. That doesn't mean that it is not still a serious problem. The open container provisions, in my view, are worthwhile because I know from having a close relationship with someone who is a recovering alcoholic that this is the temptation. This is what alcoholics tend to do is to carry an open container of alcohol in the vehicle and when they are at a point where they think they won't be noticed, to take a nip. And that is extremely...extremely dangerous when someone already may have alcohol in their bloodstream and this only aggravates the risk and the danger. So I think there is a logical and a good reason safety-wise for doing this provision. Now that is...I've handed out...hopefully you've received the summary of AM1430 and, with that in mind, I will yield the rest of my opening back...chair...time back to the Chair. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I support Senator Bromm's amendment and although he said it's to be sure that this...that fruitcakes are not included among the items in which alcoholic beverages or alcoholic substances may be found, he didn't say anything about candy, so I would like to ask him a question, just to clarify the record.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bromm, the fact that you mentioned trace elements, you know, trace amounts and so forth...

SENATOR BROMM: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is designed to make it clear that candies and such things as that are not to be included in this bill as a basis for imposing whatever sanctions would come into play. Is that true?