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sure what the effect of saying that we could consume alcohol on our public highways, even though it be in a limousine or chartered bus...I'm not sure what the effect of that would be on the rest of the bill and on the construction funds that are involved. We just haven't had time to determine what effect that would have. But that would be a policy change that certainly, I think, should follow...should be a bill, if we were to do it, and should have the public hearing and the public airing that that kind of departure from past law would make, because as Senator Schimek acknowledged, current law and prior law has been that it is against the law to consume alcohol on our public highways, and LB 585 does not change that. There's been a...perhaps by some chartered bus companies or limousine owners or operators, there has been some perception that it was legal to consume alcohol on the public road, and that has not been the case. And so if we were to make that kind of decision, I think it should be done next year or some year with a bill. Having said that, I think the idea of carving out an exemption for the open container law for busses and limousine owners certainly is a viable discussion topic. We did have that part of the amendment discussion twice during the debate on the bill. I think the first time was when...it was either Senator Dwite Pedersen or Senator Chambers offered an amendment to carve...to take that exemption out. And that was adopted by the body. And then Senator Tyson offered to...an amendment to reinsert that exemption, and so it was debated again at Select File. But the discussion I'm certainly willing to have. I just appreciate the fact Senator Schimek is going to have the discussion and not push it at this point. We'll see what the body's feelings are on it, and perhaps next year there could be a bill if there's enough support for it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Tyson on the motion to return LB 585 to Select File.

SENATOR TYSON: Even be...thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Even before she said that she was going to withdraw this amendment, I knew that Senator Schimek was going to withdraw this amendment, because it's a good amendment. We want to regulate people's behavior. Let's do a good job with alcohol on the highway. In Sweden, they have Draconian measures if you have a drop of alcohol in you. If you have detectable alcohol