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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, another question, and I hope the body is not in that knee-jerk, anti-Ernie mode this morning, because if we don't do something to clarify this bill, then I think it's a terrible injustice being done to the public. It's not going to happen to me because I don't take drugs, I don't drink.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pedersen, if this says any combination of alcohol and drugs, any drug, a person may have a concentration of alcohol below the .1 level, but if there is found any drug in the system, that person can then be convicted of driving under the influence, isn't that true?

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have to continue this to at least make a record.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion of LB 864, Senator Janssen. Senator Janssen, sorry, I didn't see you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature. Senator Pedersen, I am...I see what you're doing here and I commend for doing that, but I have...I have a few questions I would like to ask you, if you would answer them.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Be glad to.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Pedersen, you are well versed on the effects of drugs and alcohol and you work considerably hard on those issues throughout the years, but I'm wondering if that Senator Chambers was alluding to, the combination of alcohol and drugs. So if you are .06, let's say, and taking a prescription medication, sometimes, you know, if you've got a prescription that says that this is...do not consume alcoholic beverages while under the...under this prescript...or taking this prescription, I don't know what it does, but it could imbalance something to the point where you would...it would put you over the limit or whatever would be the...in your blood if you were