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committee with no...with no dissenting votes. So I think...I think she has hit on something we need to do here. I think when you have that kind of language "in lieu of" that she is striking, it can give rise to some very unfair results depending on who the defendant is and how the judges use some of these things, and I think it's wrong to use it the way that I think it has been in some cases. So I certainly support the amendment. I think it is...it strengthens and clarifies the DUI law, and while I have the microphone, I want to thank Senator Chambers, Senator Pederson and Senator Engel for their work on LB 1004. I had to be gone when the bill was up the first day and would...and hated to miss out on that discussion, but I have reviewed the product and the amendment as carefully as possible and I think that the overall amendment is an improvement and I think this is a very delicate area of the law. It really is, and we can't be too careful and I think all of the heads that have gone in to try and improve the bill will make a better work product and, hopefully, it will do what we want it to do and will not be subject to being overturned as being vague or unconstitutional. So I support the amendment. I support the bill with the Chambers amendment as well. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Suttle, you're recognized to close. Senator Suttle waives closing. The question is the adoption of the Suttle amendment to AM2582 to LB 1004. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Suttle's amendment to the Chambers amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to. Further debate on the Chambers amendment, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, obviously, I am going to support the amendment. This was not a labor of love by me, not by a long shot. I got trapped into it by trying to work it out, and then once I started, I couldn't stop, because if you once start something like this, you ought to go ahead and complete it. I still don't like the bill, but I want to read the language of the amendment, and I think anybody who finds it unclear or questionable ought to raise an issue. I