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person arrested to appear in person, represented by the county attorney. That's some of the other things in the bill. But once that hearing is held and they uphold the suspension of that license, it is suspended, the 90 days, if it's first offense, and if that person then goes ahead and files an appeal to district court, as the statutes read now they automatically lift that suspension. That's the issue we're debating now, is whether that's correct, and I'm with Senator Bromm. I don't think that's correct. If they have failed a blood-alcohol test; requested a hearing; had the hearing officer rule, yes, your license should be suspended...this is administrative. This is not dealing with the courts. This is strictly administrative. That hearing officer says, yes, your license should remain suspended, just because they go and file an appeal to district court, to me, does not give them good grounds to lift that suspended license and grant them driving privileges back. That's the issue we're debating. That's why I just absolutely have to oppose Senator Chambers' amendment. It goes against everything we did in the hearing, what we've done, and there's been a lot of good people work on this bill. It's critical to the bill that we disconnect this automatic suspension of the revocation. I think Senator Bromm's amendment does that. It looks at a person's prior driving record. It doesn't refer back to just those four things that have to be...that are stipulated that they have to qualify for in order to get a stay granted from the district court upon appeal. Senator Bromm's amendment enlarges those...the description of those various factors and so on. So, with that, I'd be glad to try and answer any questions back here off the mike if we can. I think it's been gone over a number of times and hopefully everyone has this, the process, now straight. I might point out that the use of ALR license revocations has been growing dramatically. In 1990 or...I'm sorry, 2002, there was 9,231 revocations were processed through the ALR program. That's in one year, 9,231 of them. So we need to get this bill passed. I'm going to support the Bromm amendment, oppose the Chambers amendment for the reason stated, and I'd urge the body to do likewise. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, Senator Synowiecki, followed by Senators Bourne, Connealy, Janssen, Bromm, Dwite Pedersen,