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SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, so it still is required that the officer, the arresting officer, appears at the ALR hearing. Is that correct?

SENATOR BAKER: Not in the bill. In the bill it says they may appear by teleconference and not have to be at the hearing site. It does not necessarily...a hearing does not have to be held at the county where the arrest was made. It can be held (inaudible).

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, that's under the bill, but the current...

SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...status of the law is that the arresting officer has to appear.

SENATOR BAKER: That's correct.

SENATOR BOURNE: And what you're suggesting is that sometimes people would go through the ALR in the hopes that the arresting officer would be too busy or for whatever reason would not appear, and if they did not appear the charges are dismissed.

SENATOR BAKER: That's correct. That's in the bill.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. So the ALR is optional and, as I see it, I mean, was it passed originally as an efficiency measure to ease the burden on the courts so that they go through the ALR process?

SENATOR BAKER: I think when it was passed in 1992 it was to get the people's, you know, charged with drunk driving, license revoked immediately and then they could...

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay.

SENATOR BAKER: ...follow through the hearing process.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, so it's more of a...to get a drunk driver