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you were. The purpose of an appeal is to make sure that the punishing power of the state is not imposed before you've been convicted under the law. ALR does not convict you under the law. You have not been convicted under the law, but you can be punished as though you were. And that's what that organization, MADD, wants to have happen. Do they care if some people who were innocent are punished? Absolutely not. They would rather punish 100 guilty...punish 100 innocent rather than let one accused escape. It doesn't matter how many innocent people are punished.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Kruse, followed by Senators Connealy, Baker, Thompson, Beutler.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and members I rise in support of the bill. And to give a little bit of history, which I hear being questioned in this, I have been...paid close attention to this through the years. First, in its inception, ALR was not to help the courts. It was not to clear the dockets. It was not to do anything like that. It was to get the attention of the offenders. The picture that we had, and that was accepted at that time, was that it would be quite impressive upon some fellow when he gets in his car, goes down to the bar, comes back after a while, and ends up at home without his license in his pocket. Not with a ticket, which doesn't really impress some people, but without that precious license in his pocket. So it was immediate, quick, and, basically, a harmless type of penalty to get somebody's attention. Second, I would strongly resist the comment that MADD is out to oppose drinking. They are not. That MADD is after hard-core drinkers. They are not. That MADD is interested in arresting people who are innocent. They are not. There is no evidence of that, whatsoever. MADD is hard core on attitudes. And that is persons that drive when they are too impaired to drive safely. That's what we're talking about here. That is what ALR has been able to help with. Again, on the hearings, I have monitored a number of these. The hearings, as