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in the state, my take on this whole bill is we want to get these drunk drivers off the road. I don't call that pandering anyone. This is good common sense. If they can't pass the blood alcohol test...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...or refuse the test, I want them off the road. And that's why we've set up this whole procedure. It's an administrative procedure, taking away a privilege, and they still have the right to appeal after this. It's not that this bill takes it away. It simply says we are not going to grant an automatic reinstatement of their license, if they do appeal. That's all we're talking about here, is just whether or not we give them an automatic reinstatement of their license or whether they have to justify to the court that they, you know, follow these stipulations in Senator Bromm's amendment. So I think we've gotten away from the discussion that we should be having here on just simply what the amendment does and why we need it. So with that, I will continue to oppose Senator Chambers' amendment and will support the Bromm amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Mr. Clerk, are there any further items for the record or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, you Committee on General Affairs, chaired by Senator Janssen, reports LB 525 to General File with amendments. Government, Military and Veterans Affairs, chaired by Senator Schimek, reports LB 253 to General File, LB 799 to General File with amendments. Enrollment and Review reports LB 148, LB 197, LB 756, LB 726 to Select File. Confirmation reports from Government, Military and Veterans Affairs, and Natural Resources; an amendment to LB 357A by Senator Schimek to be printed. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 911-922.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion, Chambers amendment, Senator Thompson, followed by Senator Beutler and Connealy. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I yield my time to