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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. As stated by the Clerk, there are committee amendments offered by the Transportation Committee. Senator Baker, as Chairman of that committee, you're recognized to open on committee amendments to LB 208. Senator...Senator Baker is on his way up. Senator Baker on the Transportation Committee amendments. (AM0571, Legislative Journal page 833.)

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I...(laugh) catch my breath. Actually, I may transfer back to Senator Kruse here a second, if he can take a couple of seconds to let me catch my breath.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kruse, you have about five minutes.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. Cudaback and Mr. Chairman of Transportation. (Laugh) No, I have plenty to go. The amendment is much more substantial, and is the...okay. Back to Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: We combined a couple bills here. LB 775 is now amended into LB 208. And I can briefly explain to the body AM0571, which is the committee amendment, which is, obviously, the bill now has LB 775 included in it. But the meat of the bill changes Section 28-106 by changing the penalty for a Class W misdemeanor, that means for DUI or implied consent refusal, to six months imprisonment and a \$500 fine. That's the major change there. And the bill also amends Section 28-306 by changing the penalty for motor vehicle homicide by prohibiting driving for at least one year and requiring the court to revoke the operator's license for the same period of time. What we've done, in a nutshell,...and this is all going to come out in the discussion...is we've increased the penalties dramatically, and combined a lot of administrative clean-up work in LB 2...in LB...we've combined LB 775 with LB 208, which was a lot of administrative cleanup language, into one bill. And with that, I think I'm going to let Senator Kruse go ahead and take the remainder of my time.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Senator Baker. As Senator Baker has