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life without parole or death.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Senator Kruse, would you respond to a question, please?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: Yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: On your amendment, if we do remove Section 9...and help me; I'm certainly not knowledgeable about the class of felony and these sections. But if we remove Section 9, which I understand you and Senator Chambers have agreed to, then what is the penalty for driving without...operating a vehicle without an operator's license? What is the penalty? Is there any?

SENATOR KRUSE: Oh, there's a penalty. Oh, I don't have it right before me. But there's a penalty for driving on a suspended or, as we're calling it now, an impounded license. It's not terribly serious penalty. I have some difficulty. We really struggled with that, and so I'm kind of stuttering around. I don't know what's the best route. And I respect the guidance of the floor on that. One of the problems we have is that county prosecutors, especially in greater Nebraska, are hesitant to charge driving on a suspended license. I have great difficulty with their hesitancy. Because to me, that's breaking parole. The court has ordered you to do something, and you know it...you knowingly disobey the rule. But the penalty is not severe.

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, I would really like to know what that is. Certainly the other one I can understand. This one here, I feel there certainly needs to be some penalty for driving without an operator's license.

SENATOR KRUSE: I believe it's...my aide believes it's six months in prison.