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is not here today, but she put in hours and hours of work, back and forth, on this bill, and it was in conjunction with some prosecutors. I understand that and I can understand by making that statement why Senator Chambers has concerns because it was written pretty much with the help of prosecutors and Senator Kremer's staff. So it's not that the bill didn't receive a lot of attention in committee. It did. I didn't work on it personally. I am not a lawyer, but I know that legal counsel did, had lots of outside advice and counsel. A number of drafts, redrafts, back and forth, changes here, changes there. Part of the problem that makes this so complicated is the original LB 208 was a recodification of the statutes. And it's been added to and amended over the years to where it was almost unworkable, so that was the main thrust of LB 208, and we simply combined, as I say, LB 775 into LB 208. And I don't believe there was any lack of effort by anyone involved as far as getting this done and done correctly. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you have five minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Thank you, Mr. President. I am going to read the committee statement for LB 208, and you all have listened to our discussion. Explanation of amendments, if any: AM0571, which is what we have before us, is an amended version of LB 775. Legislative Bill 775 increases existing penalties in Nebraska's DUI statutes. The bill amends Section 28-106 by changing the penalty for a Class W misdemeanor (for DUI and implied consent refusal) to six months imprisonment and a \$500 fine. 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. Section 4 amends Section 29-2221 to allow convictions under Section 60-6,196 and 60-6,197 to be used in sentencing an individual as a habitual criminal. Mandatory minimum imprisonment would be 10 years, with a maximum term of