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and so on made the effort to combine these. And looking back on it, yes, it's complicated. But it's something what they have spent a lot of time on, and I guess it takes a lot of time for the rest of the body to get up to speed on this. It's recodification of the drunken driving statutes. No question about it. Senator Kruse picked LB 208 as the bill to carry out of committee as his priority bill, and we simply accommodated him, trying to amend LB 775 into it. It's up to Senator Kruse, I guess, what he wants to do and how he wants to proceed from here, as to whether to split the subjects back off as two separate bills, or how he wants to handle this. But these were both Senator Kruse's bills. I believe we heard them both the same day, as I recall. His request was that we could work on this, put it together. It is...there's no denying, it's complicated. Senator Bourne, I'm not a lawyer. I understand your concerns. We're tying old statutes in with new, and we've cross...you know, referencing back to the old ones. I don't know how you're going to get around that. But Senator Kruse can make his own decision on how he wants to handle this. I pledge to help with this committee on this, obviously, and we did have a quite a lot of outside help. As I recall, there were several people worked on this outside of the legislative staff that was involved with the bill. And I'm sure that they would come back and help us on this too. So with that, I needed to clarify the...to get to the facts. They were both Senator Kruse's bills. We accommodated him, trying to get these things put together, make them a workable package. It is complicated. I'm sorry, I don't think there's any way we're going to get around that. But looking back, from what I've heard today, we probably should have gone two separate bills, recodified drunk driving statutes, and then changed the penalty phase of it with the other bill. I believe it was LB 775. So with that, that's the explanation of how we got where we are. And I'd be glad to work with all the parties involved, and I'm sure staff would too. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. (Visitors introduced.) There are no further lights on. Senator Baker...Senator Bourne your name is. Senator Bourne, you're recognized to close on your bracket motion.