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SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Beutler, on the Synowiecki amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm not sure this deserves a debate that should go on much longer, but I would like to get the facts straight, anyway. We heard earlier that the reason we changed "suspension" to "impoundment" was because of the insurance problem, and if that we put in the word "impoundment" then that would not affect the insurance situation. Senator Synowiecki seems to be saying the opposite, that you can change the name of what you're doing, but a suspension is a suspension is a suspension, and that's the way the insurance industry will read it. Is that a fair statement of what you're saying, Senator?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Synowiecki, would you yield?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Beutler, yeah, I mean if my recollection serves me correctly, in my days in the Probation Office, many times those drivers' licenses were impounded. And if I recollect correctly, that's indicated on your driver history abstract, on your official abstract, that there was an impoundment period. So, in relation to your...with relative to your insurance company and your rates, I do believe that there would be some impact for these young people.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And as I understand it, Senator Vrtiska, the reason for the change from "suspension" to "impoundment" was because that would not affect...we had determined as a fact that that would not affect your insurance. Is that correct?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Vrtiska, would you yield?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, that's exactly correct. And when the...when your license is revoked, which is what the law said, the Motor Vehicle Department then takes over your license.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and the reason that...

SENATOR VRTISKA: If it's impounded...