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SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...a judge's choice, and that's what Senator Synowiecki wants to allow, if I'm understanding it correctly. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Synowiecki, there are no further lights. If you'd like...I'm sorry, there are...there is a light. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. I wasn't going to get into this discussion, but I would like to at least express my concern on the issue. I'm sympathetic to a young person who has been picked up and who has such a stiff penalty for a minor violation. I would like to see some flexibility and am willing to go along with the language change to impoundment. I'm wondering though, particularly in listening to Senator Chambers and Senator Beutler, if changing from "shall" to "may" is going right back where we used to be. It allows very broad discretion that will be applied differently in each court, in each jurisdiction across the state, that what happens in one jurisdiction isn't necessarily what's going to happen in another. We have a lot of close areas where students might be going to one court and the same classmate may be going to another judge in another court, and those students talk. I think originally we wanted to send a strong message to 14...14 1/2-year-olds, is that who gets learners' permits or gets the school permits, that this is a very serious issue and that we take it, this responsibility, very seriously. I think we're sending too lenient a message if we adopt the Synowiecki amendment at this time, particularly as we really haven't had much input or much time to think about the full consequences of what could happen as a result of going too broadly, as this amendment would. I'm okay with what Senator Vrtiska is trying to do. I'm okay with the committee amendment. But at this time, if we choose to change from "shall" to "may," I'd rather we did it on Select File or with more information on how much more broadly we're going to grant some latitude to the courts. At this point, I can't vote for the Synowiecki amendment. Even though I'm sympathetic to what Senator Vrtiska is trying to do, I think this may be going too far. I don't know what the