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someplace and having them give me gas money?

SENATOR BAKER: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then somebody who writes a bad check has a harsher...a tougher row to hoe than a murderer who has served his or her sentence based on...

SENATOR BAKER: Well, we're dealing with...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the language in this.

SENATOR BAKER: We're dealing with for-hire motor carriers only.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I understand.

SENATOR BAKER: You can be convicted of a felony, obviously, and do these things as a private citizen, but you're not going to get a license if you've been convicted of some of these offenses you just listed and try and apply for a motor carrier's license.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And when I'm called on again, I will go into why I don't necessarily agree with that approach. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BRONN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Baker, there is no way I would support this bill in its present form. Once again, there can be a disproportionate reaction on the part of some people to whatever may have occurred. Since I don't know what has occurred that led to this bill, could you give us some examples of the kinds of things that the PSC thought justified a bill like this?

SENATOR BAKER: I think their problem, in talking to legal counsel here, and I haven't talked to anyone with PSC about this bill for some time, be honest with you, but assault against a person is what they were concerned with, a felonious assault against a person. If you would like to try, and I'm speak...