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their license for 15 years on third offense. It's going to happen anyway. But instead, we let the folks at the Department of Motor Vehicles operate kangaroo courts across this state, so that law enforcement can get out of bed at 8:00 in the morning, after working an all-night shift, go down there, get raked over the coals by a defense attorney that's just trying to get discovery, knowing they will not win, and then have the license taken away. But the best part about the administrative license revocation is if you win in court and you lost the ALR, the court overrules the ALR and, magically, you get your license back. The court is where these kinds of decisions belong. The court is where we have the Fourth Amendment applied. The court is where you have rights under the constitution, where you are given the opportunity to question those that bring these charges, the state of Nebraska. I'm not against punishing drunk drivers. I'm not against taking their license; in fact, you can take it away for a longer period. But let's not play games administratively with the Department of Motor Vehicles, so that we can get \$2 million bucks here or \$2 million bucks there. Let's find the money, save the law enforcement officials in this state the "unneedless" and unnecessary worrying about how they're going to have to go to court 15 times, because they wrote a drunk driver a ticket. Let's get rid of the ALR, and I know this is not the right place to do it, but in my time in the Legislature, either we remodel it or we get rid of it, because I think it's a waste of money, it's a waste of time. Law enforcement does not like it, the county attorneys do not like it, and if you want to do something for this state in the justice realm, which we work with in Judiciary Committee, I hope you're around next year so we can address this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Flood. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, Senator Flood, and I will add, I don't like it, either. And you all had a chance to meet Nicole. If she were aware of all of the facts and the premises, she would join Senator Flood and myself in not liking it. I need to ask Senator Pederson some more questions, and they do relate to ALR.