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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. You've heard the closing on the committee amendments. The question before the body is whether those amendments should be adopted. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is adoption of the committee amendments, AM2604, offered by the Judiciary Committee to LB 925. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Back to discussion of the advancement of LB 925 itself. Senator Friend, there are no lights on. You're recognized to close.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I think it's been a pretty good discussion, and Senator Synowiecki brought up some decent points. I'm still not sure, and I'm going to talk to him off-line, also with the committee counsel, to discuss a little further those concerns. I wanted...again, thank you for the time, and wanted to point out that we do believe that this is legislation that's taking us moderately in an appropriate direction. Let me give you a quick example, and I discussed this in Judiciary Committee when we were talking about this bill. When I was in college back in 1980...early eighties, yeah, '80 through...when I went to college for seven years (laughter) back in the eighties, the culture of alcohol was different. And we have to ask ourselves the question, why did it change? There are a lot of reasons why it changed. There's probably a lot of good, specific, legitimate answers to that question. One of those answers, I believe, is because people are afraid to get behind the wheel of a car when they're intoxicated now, and that's a good thing. And what has done that is that they're afraid to go to jail. They're afraid they're going to hurt somebody. They're afraid they're going to embarrass somebody. They're afraid they're