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LB 925

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Bourne's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Bourne amendment has been adopted.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood, for a motion.

SENATOR FLOOD: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 925 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion. There are lights on. Before we go to that, Mr. Clerk, items? (Visitors introduced.) Further discussion on the motion to advance? Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'm basically going to make a statement about where I...what I feel about a couple areas of this bill. A .0...a .15...a .015 is pretty drunk, there's no doubt about it. We've went from a .1 to a .08 for being legally drunk. There's no doubt in my mind that a .08 is impaired driving. So .5, when I'm working with people who have been in trouble with the law, most of them for DUIs, I automatically consider as being a person who's had some tolerance that's higher than most. But in the last year, I want you to know that more than half of the clients I have worked with have a .15 or above. And the penalties we have for .15 I think are a little harsh. And I'm only saying that because it's people like you and your families who have called me many, many times and said, Dwite, my granddaughter just got a DUI and she had a .156; what can we do to help? Now, I understand the bill does not say you have to give the penalty that goes with it. But you're going to get a lot of calls, people, from family and friends, because .15 is something that's happening all the time now. And this is going to cost us, people, I just want you to know up front, in the court system, in incarceration, because not everybody is going to be able to get probation, and a lot of these people are going to lose their driver's license for a long time, and part of their probation order is going to say they must go to self-help