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other serious injuries. So I would just offer this up for your consideration and ask if you agree that those victims of drunken driving who suffer serious bodily harm should be included in the notification before plea bargaining that you would support this amendment number one. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler and then Senator Higgins.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I think the only thing before you right now is how far you want to go in expanding this concept immediately. Please keep in mind that this is new with the probation officers. This is new with the county attorneys. They all agreed to try this out on a limited scope and as a limited concept, but it is experimental in nature, and if you broaden it to include now DWIs which are misdemeanors and not even felonies, you are going to include a lot more cases. If that is what you would like to do right off the bat, that is fine, but keep in mind that there are a number of things that we don't know about this particular concept, first of all, is it going to be workable? How burdensome is it going to be on county attorneys and probation officers? Secondly, what kind of influence is it going to have on county attorneys and probation officers? You know, there is a real philosophic question here as to whether you should statutorily require close contact between people who are supposedly trying to be objective about the prosecution of a case, the county attorney, or the probation officer or the judge when it comes to sentencing, and those who, of course, have the very strongest feelings about what should be done to the criminal, people who as a class, of course, are not going to be objective, understandably so. So, philosophically I think it is a concept that we need to be cautious with and to handle with care and to proceed slowly with. For that reason, I would ask you not to adopt at this time a further expansion into the misdemeanor drunk driving area. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Yes. Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Pirsch if she would yield to a question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Would you respond, Senator Pirsch, please?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Certainly.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Pirsch, will your amendment apply only to victims of drunken drivers?