

been running in here with bill after bill talking about the difficulty of obtaining insurance. They are talking about being given the authority to be self-insurers. There are certain types of liability coverage that the companies do not want to extend and if they do, it is for what is considered an exorbitant amount in the form of a premium payment. Now here comes Senator Hoagland and the others who want to let, and I'm going to join what the Legislature seems to have been adopted as a way to discuss this bill. They want to let the drunks drive the ambulances. They want drunks driving police cars. They want drunks driving fire engines. What kind of society is this when somebody has been in an accident and it is necessary that they get to a hospital and you've got some tipsy individual who has been convicted of drunk driving sitting up there driving the ambulance, but the same drunk can't drive a taxicab? The same drunk can't drive a semi. I think God created...well, let me say not God, excuse me, those of you, the liquor industry has created all drunks equal and all drunks being equal, they ought to be treated the same way. I'd venture to say that if you put a breathalyzer up to the mouth of the President of the United States and he has a certain amount of alcohol in his system and you went down to skid row and found an individual with the same amount, I'd think the breathalyzer would give the same reading. It would not say this is the President who is a drunk, therefore, don't call him what he is. This guy on skid row is foul in his appearance and in the smell from his body, the smell of the alcohol on his breath, so treat him differently. If being a drunk is something that society abhors, then treat all the drunks the same way. Why should a drunk be driving a MAT bus? Why should a drunk drive any vehicle where the safety of somebody else hangs on it? We don't like this kind of discussion, do we, because we're getting right down to where it is, but I tried to discuss it at a higher level before and base it on the principle of trying to protect people's right to earn a living and that was rejected. So I'm not going to be for this bill which favors certain people, certain classes and certain groups. I want all these drunks to be considered the same. And when these lobbyists bring the senators to eat and try to make them drunk, for whatever reason, those senators should be treated the same way. If a judge gets tipsy, he should be treated the same way. If a preacher, it should be the same. You going to take some drunk, drunken preacher and say that because wherever he is he is on the job, he can drive whenever he wants to? You