

to open, would ask that you remain somewhat cognizant of the fact you've already had a chance to open on all of the amendments. So be as brief as you can, please.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I would...thank you, Mr. Speaker, I guess I would yield 15 or 20 minutes to Senator Bernard-Stevens. Just a joke. This is the language, number one on your sheet, this would add to that habitual criminal language which provides for the mandatory minimums, would add the language of motor vehicle homicide while under the influence. This is a proposal that was brought to me by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The rationale being that someone who is under the influence of alcohol and gets in a...gets in a motor vehicle at least is cognizant or should be cognizant that it is a reckless maneuver that rises...about as close as you can get to intentional behavior in causing the death of another individual. It's limited to that part of motor vehicle homicide that is for those who are driving while under the influence of alcohol. So with that, I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: For discussion on the portion of the committee amendments, on page 5, lines 17 through 18, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I had to make sure that my vocal chords are in shape because I have a feeling that there is going to be a considerable amount of discussion this afternoon, and in reality, there is a justification for it because each one of these is a serious matter. I have to make a disclaiming statement before I begin, and I think even my strongest opponents would agree, or maybe they won't, I am opposed to crime. Senator Jensen, I think you and I are in accord with that, we both are opposed to crime. I go a step further, I am opposed to all consumption of alcoholic beverages, whether you are going to sit, stand, walk, ride a bicycle, drive a car, or anything else, and I have to get all that out of the way so that nobody will think I'm trying to make it easy for a person to consume alcohol, fall under its influence, drive a vehicle, and through some happenstance or unfortunate intervention by fate another person is killed. I am not in favor of those things. I am not in favor of exempting the person who does such a thing from an appropriate punishment. However, I am opposed to taking that kind of an act, even though it results in the death of another person, an innocent person, and should not happen, I am opposed to using that as a basis for invoking the habitual criminal penalty. These other provisions of statutes, where's