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the section relating to the removal of dead bodies or injured persons the provision of removing intoxicated persons and sets up a new section to deal with such persons. The new section provides that a law officer may take a person who is intoxicated and in the judgment of the officer dangerous to himself or herself or others from any public property and take such person to a hospital, an alcoholism center, doctor or home. LB 376 will make specific from where and to where an intoxicated person may be removed. I move for advancement of LB 376 to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, there is an amendment on the Clerk's desk. The Clerk will read.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Venditte moves to amend: Read Venditte amendment offered on page 1166, Legislative Journal.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you want to get serious about this, who is really doing the damage in this state, in our cities? It is not those people who are on public property walking around. The kind of damage they do is probably damage one of words, one of maybe something similar to indecent behavior, whatever, but the people who are really causing the damage in this state are those people who are driving cars and/or motorcycles or any other vehicle that is propelled by some engine. They are the people who are causing the majority of the grief in this state. We have attempted here in the past several years to enact legislation that would deal with this kind of problem that we have here, and you have to admit, it is probably one of our number one problems in this state and that is the drunken driver. What have we done? We have merely slapped his hand. Just yesterday Senator Kelly shows me an article in the paper, I am not sure which paper, where someone who is driving while under the influence of alcohol was arrested I think three times, ladies and gentlemen, three times within two hours.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute left.

SENATOR VENDITTE: And we say that the laws of this state are a deterrent. Hardly. You throw somebody in jail for one night, ladies and gentlemen, because they have been under the influence....I know, Senator Cullan, I have one minute, right? The whole bill has one minute? Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and, Mr. Clerk, I would think that I should ask unanimous consent to withdraw that amendment.