

impounding an automobile just because it is occupied by a minor in possession. I don't recall our impounding automobiles that are being driven recklessly. I think we just issue a citation to a reckless driver and he gets to go on his reckless way, but we don't impound the automobile. I have had a hard time thinking of good reasons to support a law which allows these automobiles to be impounded. For that reason I have offered an amendment to LB 221 which will delete the language which says that at this juncture such automobiles can be impounded. I think it is a good amendment, a responsible amendment, and particularly so since, in effect, we are altering the drinking age. It no longer is under the bill going to be age 19 but rather age 20, so we are now increasing the exposure, in a sense, by one year. There are more people who will be in family automobiles who may well be in possession of liquor and who could have those cars impounded and tied up for a number of weeks, and those cars truly ought to be available to the families. Without any question, family members will learn of their sons' or daughters' disgrace in being caught in possession of liquor...they will learn of it, because their sons and daughters are going to have to show up in court, going to have to appear, may have to post a bond, and as happens families will rally around their sons and daughters and their children and take care of the problem. But I mean it really gets their attention if the car is tied up. I mean it gets their attention so badly that it is an unwarranted intrusion upon family responsibility and family life. It is for that reason that I offer this amendment, that Senators DeCamp, Hoagland and I offer this amendment and we would certainly encourage your support.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak to this amendment?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, yes I do. I think we already have this law in effect. It is being used today. I think this is another attempt to screw up 221 and to confuse the issue. I think if we wanted to take this kind of action that we should do it in a separate issue and have probably hearings on it if the attorneys feel that this is wrong. I am not all opposed to this. I think what Senator Koch said that I am sure dad is going to find it out pretty abruptly if someone does get caught with the family car and he wants to put the burden on the family, so maybe this is the way to do it. So I really don't see any reason why we should be changing it at this time. It may be a good idea, but I am getting real tired of the