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LB 568

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SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb. Senator Lamb wants to make an announcement. Quorum present.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just might remind you that we have to have, in order for the bills to be read this week, before the session is over, we have to have them back up from E & R tonight. So, that means we have to quit about 10:00 here in order to get the bills back up here before midnight so we can advance them to Final Reading today.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, we will start with 568.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first motion I have on 568 is by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR CLARK: Is Senator Schmit in the House? Here he comes.

CLERK: Senator Schmit, I have a motion to return LB 568 to Select File for a specific amendment. (Read Schmit amendment).

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there has been a lot of emphasis this session on what we are going to do with the drunk driver. A lot of conversation about putting them in jail and throwing away the key and a lot of other things about how we are going to punish and humiliate and embarrass people off the highway. I happen to believe if you have a real problem drinker, then you have a situation where you have to make a decision. Do you want to break the habit and reform the alcoholic or do you want to just run him through the system, fine him \$500 or \$1000 whatever the law provides, put him in jail for seven days and then take him away, put him back on the road and in a year or so run him back through the mill again. We know the antabuse program works, it has a good record. We know that there are many, many people who have used it and who no longer use alcohol. I believe and the people that I have talked to who have used the program tell me that it is perhaps the single greatest deterrent to drunk driving that we have at our disposal. I know that there are those who say we can use it anyway and so forth. But, I think there has to be some kind of encouragement. If you are going to run the man through the mill, put him in jail for

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