

restore the penalty to what it was in the existing law. I'm asking that you return the bill to adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Richard Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. President, members, I and Senator Chambers have agreed, and county officials have also agreed, that we are willing to go with the second offense from a Class I back to a Class III at this time. I'm not so sure, in a couple of years we'll see whether we need to, it might have to be increased to a first or a second misdemeanor. But at this time I am in agreement, return the bill for this specific amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Sorry, Mr. Speaker. Senator Chambers, I couldn't quite hear what you were saying this amendment does. Could you repeat it again?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You couldn't hear? All right, now I have his attention. What they were trying to do with this bill is make sure that if a license is revoked administratively by the Department of Motor Vehicles, there would be a punishment should that occur.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That was the primary interest. But farther down in the bill a penalty for a second offense of driving on a suspended license was raised from a Class III to a Class I misdemeanor. So we discussed this and agreed that the main intent of the bill having been accomplished by putting the punishment, attaching it to the Department of Motor Vehicles suspension, just as it was in the case of a court suspension, was all that the bill should do. So this amendment takes out the increased punishment and returns it to what it is in existing law now.

SENATOR WESELY: Do you know what the difference in penalties are between a Class III and a Class I misdemeanor?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, what is three minus one?