

license to keep their job. You can only use it once. It doesn't apply to second or third offense drunk drivers. The committee amendments refine the bill. The committee amendments are short. They speak for themselves. They are pasted in your bill book. They refine the bill. I would ask the adoption of the committee amendments and the advancement of the bill. Thank you, Madam President.

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SENATOR MARSH: Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I want it to be known now I do not support this bill. I was on the bill that made it stricter for drunk driving and I want to stay that way. I have had nothing but compliments for the bill that we passed, this body passed several years ago making it tougher on drunk driving. This is opening the gate that Senator Hoagland is suggesting so that we make it easier. I have had several suggestions from people who have had their driver's license suspended but I have seen too many times when drunk drivers have usurped the rights of others, maim, kill, hurt, damage of property that hasn't been paid for, that I am not about to start opening up the gates now, Senator Hoagland, for what you were so strong for several years ago, now we are making it weak. And I don't think we should do this for one or two people and say, well, we didn't really mean it, folks, across the state. We are softening up now. We were too tough. With the advances we have made, the reduction in death, the reduction in numbers of accidents, the reduction in numbers of injuries, and the reduction of hospital bills and property losses, I, for one, am not about to start softening up now and saying to the people, well, you know, we kind of didn't mean it. I am for leaving it the way it is, sticking with it. If people want to take the chance of being caught drunk driving, then let them suffer the consequences. I am not about to soften up. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Senator Nichol. Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Madam Speaker and colleagues, I have had some problems with this bill. I think we have worked out some of the problems but we do not have the amendments up here at this time. Senator Hoagland and I and some of the other people, that especially in our industry that is