

and what's the penalty? What's the penalty if they get a work permit and then get caught driving? An extra 90 days, they lose their license, just an extra 90 days. There is no thousand dollar fine. There is no nothing. So they are destroying the DWI bill, that's what they are doing. They are destroying it. If...you will see if you got letters, the MADD mothers are violently opposed to this. They always have been. Oh, the word was put out that they had softened. They have not softened on this issue. It's an important issue. I can see by who is listening that probably you've made up your mind so I ask you this. Stop and think what you're doing. If you adopt this amendment, then you're going to have to go on the other three, then you're going to have to justify that, so I say to you, don't adopt any of the amendments and don't vote for the bill. You know, maybe, maybe this is a lawyer's bill, I don't know. Maybe it is, so they can take some of their clients and get them their license back.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: But I'd like to know how many have actually lost their license and under what conditions, or lost their jobs and under what condition was that. So I say, no, don't do this. Leave it the way it is. Why fix something that is working? Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Are you finished, Senator? Senator Higgins. Senator Higgins, we're speaking on the Hoagland amendment to LB 626. (Microphone not on.)...recognizes Senator Higgins. Not the amendment, thank you, Senator. Senator Barrett, do you wish to speak on the Hoagland amendment? I assume you do not wish to speak on the amendment. Senator Chambers, do you want to speak on the amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the theory of the bill, I thought, was one of equity, fairness and compassion, consideration for a person who has to work to make a living and the essential factor in making the living is driving a motor vehicle. If, because of considerations of insurance, Senator Beyer and others want to take away the right of certain people to make a living, they are not consistent at all. I'm in favor of people being able to drive in connection with their living and I'm a nondrinker and never have taken a drink in my life, but I don't think it's an issue here of whether you