

approve of drinking or not. We're talking about whether or not people should have the right to make a living and I'm kind of disappointed in the amendment that is being offered now and I'd like to ask Senator Beyer a question to make certain that I did not misunderstand him because on occasion I've gotten some words that a speaker had uttered and there were some that I missed. Senator Beyer, are you here?

SENATOR BEYER: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you state that because of insurance problems you want to eliminate certain drivers from the right to gain the benefits of this amendment?

SENATOR BEYER: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That condemns the amendment as far as I am concerned. Either you have a right to make a living or you don't. We should not do things for the convenience of the insurance industry. On the other hand, if we're more concerned about the operators of truck firms, then I think it's ill-advised to adopt the amendment. We should not take an issue and justify it on one basis, then during the course of the discussion change the basis of justification. I think the amendment is very bad because it is going to say certain people have the right to make a living and others do not and the basis for making the distinction is the convenience of the owner of a trucking company. That is more cruel than the cruelty being alleged when you deny people the right to drive when their living depends on it. So because of that exemption that they're trying to work out, I'm opposed to this amendment and I do have a proposition for the bill itself.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beyer, do you wish to speak at this time?

SENATOR BEYER: Several things I probably was not clear enough on and would answer maybe a few of Senator Chambers'. Senator Chambers, the trucking industry as well as just about every political subdivision and everything is having problems with insurance. They cannot get liability insurance for their council members and other avenues of insurance, the liability insurance has went up, the protection insurance which Senator Hoagland probably can answer better than I can. But in a trucking industry what