

we're trying to protect is the jobs. If the trucking company cannot get insurance, they cannot operate. So, consequently, they would be putting a lot of people out of work and I guess that concerns me a little bit. The deregulation has caused us some problems, so when we get into the insurance regulations of getting insurance, it's just the idea that the restrictions that the companies put or and if we can't get this taken out, I guess there are companies that could lose their insurance and then they would have to put all their employees out of work.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just briefly, what this amendment does is make the bill more palatable and that's what I don't want. I don't want the bill in the first place. Take a couple of examples. Let's suppose that Senator Peter Hoagland would be caught on this. I know you wouldn't, Senator Hoagland, because you don't do these kind of...but let's just suppose you do. You are self-employed. What happens to you? You say to the judge, I need my car in my business. I'll sign that I need my car in my business. And the judge says, well, it says here in the law that if I get a note from the employer that you get off, you get off. I don't believe in that. A doctor the same way, any professional purpose, person, any person that is in business for themselves, for example, such as Senator Hannibal. I don't believe that we should have a law where one person can say to the judge, I fall under this and I say to you, judge, that I need my car in my business. Most anybody who is employed could say to the judge, I have a little business on the side here that I am doing. It doesn't have a name, but I crochet quilts and sell them door-to-door, or whatever I do, anything that I can dream up in the way of a job on the side, judge, I need this exemption. So the judge, perhaps believing such a story, would go with it. Secondly, many times you see in all papers across the state, drunk driving reduced to reckless driving. It is seldom, it is very seldom that a person drinking and driving the first time he does that gets caught. Many times they have done it over and over and over and simply not get caught, so it isn't usually a first-time offense with it. So, when you see these offenses reduced from drunken driving to reckless driving, what that really means is they've been caught drunk driving and a judge has taken pity on them, in many cases, and reduced it to