

driving law. I think it has been very effective in reducing the amount of drunk drivers on the highways. But I wasn't here for the original debate dealing with drunk driving, so I just kind of listened to the debate that has occurred in the last three years since I've been on the committee. This particular amendment that Senator Chambers has offered is, I feel...

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.)

SENATOR ABOUD: ...I feel, quite similar to an amendment that was offered earlier dealing with taking out other groups, I believe truck drivers and taxi cab drivers out of this section, or out of this exemption from the drunk driving law. I feel that it probably is a good amendment and I plan to support the amendment. I think that this is a very difficult issue because you hear some very sad stories about individuals that are employed, that have a family to support, and they go out and they have one too many drinks just once a year, or maybe once every five years, and they happen to get picked up by the police and they are considered drunk according to a breath test. So, as a result, they lose their license for a time and possibly their employment. I would like to find some middle ground to...some middle ground in dealing with drunk drivers. But unfortunately after looking at it for the last three years, since I've been in committee and this is the fourth year I guess we've been looking at it, I don't know if there really is a middle ground. In listening to Senator Nichol's comments I think that he probably is right on point that if you open up this crack it is going to get bigger and bigger. So, as a result, I'm going to be supporting Senator Chambers' amendment to try to reduce that crack at least a little bit, and then reevaluate the bill and decide whether I'm going to be supporting LB 626. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: I call the question.

PRESIDENT: Question has been called. There are several lights on for...I'll put the question to you, if there are five seconding hands. Are there five seconding hands for calling the question? I see five hands. I'll put the question to you. The question is, shall the debate now close? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have