

additional hammer or stick held over that person's head to make sure, or try to make sure as much as is possible, that the infraction will not occur again. But the self-employed person is more likely to drive drunk because the only restraint on him or her is that which is self-imposed. And the self-imposed restraint was not enough to withhold them from this infraction in the first place. So it is not likely to withhold them again. They will maybe be more cautious and careful about avoiding the law when they've been drinking. There are lot of problems that self-employed people face in these times, and I'm not being facetious now because as the economy deteriorates it falls on everybody. But when you are employed by yourself you have nobody else to look to for an income. If you work for a company, even if they try to union bust and cut the wages and benefits you still might be able to eke out enough to feed your family. If you are self-employed and the reversal is such that you might go out of business, and you are inclined to drink, it is more likely that you, a self-employed person, will drink and drive even with one of these permits than will somebody who is employed by another. The other, who is employed, when he or she shows up for work may have to go through an inspection and make sure they don't have liquor on their breath when they come to work. The self-employed person, no such safeguard. So, I am not in favor of this bill as it stands. I would have supported it had we allowed everybody, who is situated in this fashion, to obtain the permit. There can be a lack of parity when it comes to the amount of income a person may make, based on his or her education or the job that they hold. But that parity should not evaporate when it comes to the value we accord to the family unit. This bill says that some people's families are better or entitled to more than other people's family. I will not support such a bill. I hope that you will look at this amendment and adopt it. I say that the people who are self-employed are not intrinsically better than cab drivers and truck drivers. And as a Legislature, if you reject this amendment, you are stating it as the policy of Nebraska, that there is something that makes cab drivers and truck drivers worse than every other category of person. There is something about the families of cab drivers and truck drivers which does not entitle them to the same consideration, for their breadwinner, that the family...the bread winner of every other family is given. So I hope you will adopt this amendment.