

inequity into a bill. If this amendment is stricken then we can at least discuss the issue on the principle of whether we feel that somebody convicted of a first offense should be allowed to drive under a permit granted to those where driving is essential to the job that they hold. Even if you adopt this amendment which would strike the Hoagland-Beyer amendment, I think it is not right to say that a person would be denied the right to drive to and from work. But you can't get everything, obviously. And from this Legislature today I can't even get elemental justice for the people who are to be covered by this bill. A majority of those voting voted to bring a measure of equity to the bill by voting for that other amendment, but a majority of those voting was not a large enough number to carry the day. So for those of you who voted aye for whatever reason or whatever motivation, I appreciate that. All that will be shown in the record is that a proposition carried or that it did not. Nothing about motive can be detected by reading the bill itself, but our discussions of this bill have disclosed the motivation for the adoption of the Hoagland-Beyer amendment. It had nothing to do with justice. It had nothing to do with the essence of the bill. It had nothing to do with the idea that people should be allowed to drive under one of these permits under the conditions laid down in the bill. It was based on matters and considerations totally extraneous to the bill itself and extraneous to the issue that the bill is raising. That is a bad way to legislate but that is not the first time that such a tack was used in crafting a bill. What I hope that you will do is strike this Hoagland-Beyer amendment. Senator Beyer is involved with the trucking industry or at least he used to be so he is looking out for their interest as an industry, but it's a funny thing. I look at the trucking industry like I do big time college athletics. Without the players there would not be a lot of money generated for everybody who then turns around and spend their time telling why the players should not get anything for making it possible for them to make all this money and be in a position to speak against the players. Without the drivers I don't think Senator Beyer's industry has learned how to let the trucks run totally on automatic pilot. So he is concerned about the industry, but he is not concerned about the drivers. He is not concerned about the families of the drivers that may go hungry or whatever other bad thing may happen because their father or their mother, whichever the case might be, has been denied a privilege