

alcohol. That's what the federal regulation is, so why should we in this body turn that around and say, well in Nebraska it's all right. It's okay here. But stop and think about the citizens that come to the state and get into the cabs. We're putting their life at risk. We're opening up this state to lawsuits like you've never seen before because we, by our actions, if we exempt them and they should be intoxicated, Nellie, bar the gate, because the Legislature will be involved, the state will be involved and we'll have lawsuits that will make Commonwealth look small. This is special class legislation when you exempt two entities, and I doubt its constitutionality that you can do this because under the Constitution you can't have special class legislation. And for the information of this body I have asked for an Attorney General's Opinion on that issue and I feel confident that they will declare, by exempting those two entities it is special class legislation, therefore, unconstitutional. So if nothing else, I feel that we should hold this bill exactly where it is, don't advance it, until we get a reply and I have been promised...

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SENATOR MARSH: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...a quick reply from the Attorney General's Office on that issue. So stop and think about it. We can take any legislation we pass and create a special class within that class within that legislation, but that's a no-no. You can't do that, but they're trying to do it here. And the reason, and Senator Hoagland, if he would admit it, would stand up and say, that's the only way I could get my bill passed was to accept that amendment because I'll tell you, that's the way it is. So I'm going to support Senator Chambers' amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Madam President and members, I, too, rise to support Senator Chambers in this amendment for many of the same reasons as pointed out by Senator Haberman and Senator Chambers. But I would like to tell you that when DWI legislation was being discussed two or three years ago and this particular provision went in the statutes, I was one of the people that had insisted that we apply the provisions of the statutes uniformly to everybody and