

insisted that we eliminate the employment driving permit because the way it had been working in the past, the employment driving permit was issued to a select group of folks. If you were able to be the right person in town or belong to the right group, then you got an employment driving permit. If you didn't, you didn't get the permit. But I support LB 626 as originally drafted. I support the idea that if an individual is going to lose their job and can convince the judge that they are going to lose their employment or if they are self-employed, not be able to provide a living to their family, on first offense DWI then we'd ought to recognize that because quite frankly this state and this society doesn't take care of those folks very well if they don't have a job and we'd ought to admit it. So we ought to everything we can to be lenient so that people can keep their employment. By the same token I think it's completely unfair to say that this section doesn't apply to certain people. Now, the argument has been made that if you're a truck driver with a certain size load or drive with a CC license that somehow you're more dangerous. Well, I can tell you that you are going to be just as dead if you are run over by a Honda as you are if you are run over by a semi, even if it has got 300,000 miles on it, Senator Chambers. It doesn't make sense to me to say that if you are a commercial truck driver, and that is what you are saying, that somehow or other you are treated differently than you are if you are an individual who happens to own that truck, and there are a lot of farm trucks that are that same size. I think we had ought to be consistent. I like the idea of the bill. I don't want to kill the bill but unless we make it consistent in this bill then I am not going to have any choice. But I would remind you, if you continue to make the bill as inconsistent as it is right now, and wind up killing the bill, then you better be prepared to do something for those people that you are putting out of work and you are taking their right of employment away from them. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Madam President, members, I, too, rise in support of the Chambers amendment in spite of the near close physical presence of my colleague, Senator Beyer. Senator Chambers is on track when he attempts to by amendment remove that exemption for truck drivers and cab drivers. I had some problems when the amendment was