

Haberman.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, will you respond please?

SENATOR SIECK: Senator Haberman, what was your rationale from raising it from ten to fifteen?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, we went from life down to ten years.

SENATOR SIECK: Right, I understand that.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, you take somebody that is 16, and this means when they are 26, they can get their license back, and I would just feel more comfortable with a fifteen-year penalty than ten years because that is not very long.

SENATOR SIECK: It is another five years.

SENATOR HABERMAN: (Interruption) that is a lot better than life. A lifetime sentence I agreed was too strong. Fifteen years to me is a long time. It is a lot better than ten years. That is my rationale. If you are going to lose that license, you might as well be punished fifteen years rather than ten because ten is an awful short period of time.

SENATOR SIECK: I am bothered, though, with the fifteen years because you must remember when you reach 26 years, you are starting to get into a business and you are going to have to use your transportation, go to work, and so on, and that really bothers me. I mean there are individuals out there that, rightly so, they should lose their license. But if they correct themselves within that ten years, going into a life's work, they have got a real problem and I have a little problem with that.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I rise to support Senator Haberman on his amendment, returning it to Select File, and I will relinquish the rest of my time to Senator Haberman.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, you may close.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Sieck, I passed out a little sheet the other day...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Haberman. Just a moment, as