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Proposal would lower legal alcohol level to .08

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"I choose not to ignore an opportunity to save additional lives," she said.

From 1993 to 1997, she said, drivers with blood-alcohol levels of .08 to .099 were involved in 29 fatal crashes. Another 49 crashes during that period involved drivers with blood-alcohol concentrations of .10 to .129, she said, citing statistics from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety. States that have enacted .08 legislation have seen decreases in alcohol-related crashes.

But Mary Campbell, who testified for the Nebraska Beer Wholesalers Association and the Wholesale Liquor Distributors Association, said a number of studies have shown that .08 legislation is not necessarily linked to significant declines in such classes.

The bill has anti-alcohol sentiment behind it, she said.

Matt Herman, who also spoke for the Nebraska Beer Wholesalers Association, said the bill would result in "harassment of citizens."

A group of students from Lux Middle School disagreed with him.

Eighth-graders Corrie Carlson,

Mitch Stuhr, Steven Beckman and Rebekah Mangrum testified for the committee. Thirty-eight of their classmates in Tom Bare's science class attended the hearing.

"If you even remotely care about the people living in the state of Nebraska, you will drop the bloodalcohol level to .08," Mangrum said.

Her teacher volunteered for Lancaster County Sheriff Terry Wagner's demonstration of goggles intended to create the effect of .08

Wagner also testified that dropping the level to .08 would allow enforcement of .10 standards already in place. Several witnesses testified that few cases are prosecuted unless the blood-alcohol concentration test shows .12.

Cheryl Rourke of the Nebraska **Emergency Nurses Association added** her support. She said she had seen too many innocent people suffer.

"It's never easy to walk out and tell family members that their loved one has died," she said. "But it's much more difficult when you know it was

Pilot from crash on golf course treated, released

From staff reports

The pilot of the small plane that crashed onto Highlands Public Golf Course on Monday evening was treated for minor injuries and released that night.

John Sohl, 44, of Wahoo was taken to BryanLGH Medical Center West after the crash. Sohl suffered knee injuries and minor cuts.

John Kennedy, terminal services manager for the Lincoln Airport Authority, said the plane went down with engine trouble shortly after takeoff.

The plane flew about a mile from the airport and climbed to between 1,500 and 2,000 feet before having problems, Kennedy

Before the crash, the pilot radioed the control tower to report his engine trouble, Kennedy said.

The plane had turned around and started back toward the airport before it crashed on the No. 10

Police investigate bones

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about 1,700 remains were surprised and perplexed by the discovery.

James Riding In, a NAGPRA consultant for the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, said he thought the remains might have been planted by someone at the university.

Riding In said that though Reinhard has been accused of committing illegal acts and acting unprofessionally, the university or activists should not jump to conclusions that he is responsible for the remains found in Room 109.

"Would Reinhard be that stupid? Would Reinhard be that sloppy?" asked Riding In, who is an associate professor of American Indian Studies at Arizona State University in Tempe. "... Maybe. But I doubt it.'

Hitchcock did not return calls to the Daily Nebraskan on Tuesday.

Pemina Yellowbird, a member of

the Three Affiliated Tribes - Mandan. Hidatsa and Arikara - said she was confused by the recent find.

Yellowbird was the chairwoman of a repatriation group that worked with the university during the fall 1998 semester. She said the remains were found Friday in the same drawer remains were originally found in October 1997.

"I'm really shocked," she said. "I wonder who had them. I wonder what their motivations were for putting them in that drawer."

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor James Moeser was not available for comment Tuesday afternoon but said in a statement that the university would make "every effort" to repatriate the bones.

"Regardless of how and why these remains came to be in 109 Bessey, we are as committed now to the NAGPRA policies as we have been in the past."



