

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature. I'd like to ask Senator Swigart a question or two about his bill. Senator Swigart, I'm not going to refer to this as the Dracula bill. Is there a separate section of statute do you know which relates to the sale of blood, an individual selling blood?

SENATOR SWIGART: I believe there is, but in no condition can we...this bill does not refer to that, because we cannot pay for blood where we handle it and where this bill applies.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Alright, now how do I know that this bill does not apply to the sale of blood. A young person, say, needing some money...say, he or she has a habit that has to be supported and they run into dire situations and cannot beg, borrow, or steal, but need something immediately. Would this bill prohibit a 17 year old from selling blood?

SENATOR SWIGART: With parental permission, he could, I believe, still do that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm saying under this bill could that be done without parental consent?

SENATOR SWIGART: It would have to be free. He could not be paid.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Alright, then where and I won't bother the bill at this point, but I want you to work with me and find the statute that relates to the sale of blood. If there is no statute, then I believe under this bill as you're proposing it a 17 year older could sell blood.

SENATOR SWIGART: I'd be happy to work with you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: OK.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I had the same concerns as Senator Chambers was showing except that Senator Swigart, I have a question of you. You still have to have parental consent for this, don't you?

SENATOR SWIGART: For which?

SENATOR BARNETT: For the person under age majority to donate the blood even if you write this in statutes.

SENATOR SWIGART: Not to my knowledge, if we write it in there that you can give blood at 17, you would not have to have parental consent. Except for where they are paid to do so.

SENATOR BARNETT: That would be the only case?

SENATOR SWIGART: That's my understanding. Certainly this bill applies only to those who donate blood.

SENATOR BARNETT: Then what we say in the statutes and in the law is that age and majority might be 19 unless we specify by statute that it's under that.

SENATOR SWIGART: Yes.

SENATOR BARNETT: OK.