

I can say is here, here. I think that Senator Murphy has an excellent idea and I think it is...I would have voted for Senator Murphy's proposal of yesterday but this one is even improved. I think the Division of Alcohol has had a number of problems and they have not been dealing responsibly with the key issues here which is the education of the young people about the problems associated with alcohol abuse. Now I would like to go into a number of the problems that I have found in my experience as the chairman of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee with the Division of Alcoholism. They have programs that they use and have promoted through the legal system to encourage people to take detox education programs and those kinds of things and I think that that is irresponsible and I don't think it is all that beneficial. I think it is even wrong in many cases but what Senator Murphy is doing with this amendment is saying, listen, if in fact, you are talking about alcohol education then make sure that that is what you are going to do and so he earmarks some money and the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee had before it a bill which would have done this very same thing and in the end we had this big formula and all these kinds of problems and we had some real difficulties trying to work out the very details of this legislation. Senator Murphy's proposal is beautiful in its simplicity. It says you can't spend the money unless you work on education programs and it does leave that department to work up those programs and I think that is not only responsible, but I think that is a preferable way and I don't know how the Division of Alcoholism could object to that kind of freedom. It is far more freedom than they would have had if the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee bill been advanced to the floor and passed. So, in fact, Senator Murphy is saying, put your money where your mouth is and that department needs to do something there. They need to do something more than use their mouth and I think that this program in its basic simplicity which earmarks those dollars for education will, in fact, do that and I would think that the department not only can live with that but can live with that a lot better than the proposal that the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee came up with earlier this year. With that I urge, strongly urge, the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wonder if Senator Murphy would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy, will you respond?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, sir.