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SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: That's correct, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When it comes to drugs, are you telling me that if there is any amount of drug found in the system, a person is deemed to be under the influence of that drug?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: The way I understand the law, Senator, you are right. What they are looking for is presence of the chemical. There is not in statute anywhere where there is a cutoff. That can be done. I don't know exactly the numbers, not being a lab technician or a chemist, but we're looking for presence of the drug and that is it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pedersen, does this bill or the current law anywhere...I have to tell you what's happening. This is my first chance to look at the bill. I've been busy, and I was, as you know, trounced by General Radcliffe and his cohorts yesterday, but it was a Pyrrhic victory. Nevertheless, I am back to these other more mundane affairs now. Is there anything in this bill or the existing law which says that the drug must be an illegal drug?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I should know that answer, Senator, but I don't. I do know that in the existing law, it says already if there is drugs, they can prosecute. This bill has nothing new but a combination of both drugs and alcohol.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But with this bill...let me finish on the drugs, then come back to what this bill is trying to do. If there is nothing in the law that says it must be an illegal drug, then we could be talking about a drug which a person purchases over the counter and which will have no affect on that person's ability to drive a motor vehicle. Is that true?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that what the situation is now where an over-the-counter drug could be a basis for convicting a person under this bill?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I don't think so, Senator, but I'm not real sure. I don't...