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you can find up to two hundred needles. You can go to my cousins and find up to two hundred needles in the house at one time. They are set up for one shot. I want to know if it is illegal for us to use that because that is a diabetic needle. That is a failure in our family. We have them on hand I am safe in saying anytime. You go into three places, you could pick up five hundred of them and I want to know if this bill makes it illegal, if it makes my wife and my grandchildren, does it make them subject to anything that is contrary to the law? If it does, I won't support it because we couldn't live from this day for another two weeks without having it so what does this do to the person who has a hydraulic needle, a hypodermic needle, not even the hypodermic. It is an injection and it is quite a nice little gadget if you like to stick yourself everyday. Someone tell me if it is illegal to have one of those?

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Keyes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol will answer the question.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Keyes, of course you may use your hypodermic needle. My son is a diabetic and uses a hypodermic needle every day. There is no question about what the intent is when you are a diabetic or if you have sows that need vaccinating why you have this paraphernalia in your house. Now let me say this though, if you do intend to use it for illegal drug usage on yourself, then it changes and that is why we have it worded this way so the intent is part of why we have this in here. If you intend to use that hypodermic needle that was bought for diabetes and you intend to use that needle for illegal purposes, then you are guilty.

SENATOR KEYES: All right. Now I will ask you one other question. If you come in, if a drug addict comes into my house and picks up a hundred of these needles and takes them along with him, my intent was that they were for my wife but he uses them, am I responsible because I furnished him with hypodermic needles?

SENATOR NICHOL: I would not think that you would be guilty if your intent was not there to pass those on for illegal purposes. Now if you are running a dramshop or a bong shop and you have them on your shelf, it is pretty obvious why you have them.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte and then Senator Labeledz.