

Senator Lindsay, could you briefly state what the concept of entrapment is. I don't mean a legal definition but so that the body will understand what the concept of entrapment is.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay, would you respond.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Chambers, I...you, having had the same legal education I have, I'd be willing to defer to you on the concept of entrapment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, it's not to trick...okay, would you agree that it is when a police officer causes an individual not otherwise predisposed to do something, to enter into an act which would be a crime? More, they go beyond, just creating an opportunity, they actually take affirmative steps that will bring a person into the commission of that illegal act. Would you agree with that?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now my amendment talks about participation in an act of prostitution. Is a police officer in this sting operation allowed to participate in the act of prostitution?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I think what your amendment goes to is not just the participation...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, would you...

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...in the act of prostitution, but also in the soliciting of the act of prostitution.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Lindsay, could we take it a step at the time, because you mentioned the way these sting operations work without going into detail. Is the officer who engages in the sting operation allowed to participate in the act of prostitution itself?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I am not familiar enough with the enforcement itself to know that, but I would guess not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You guess. Would it disturb you if they are allowed to participate in the act of prostitution? Read your bill and see what the act of prostitution is, if you will.