

votes will come, and maybe they won't.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But at least I will have presented the situation, then when the apples fall from the tree, people cannot say, we did not know, we did not understand. What they'll have to say is that we knew, we understood, but we didn't care. And a community must resort to self-help. So don't expect to do to our community what was done by the police to that manager of McDonald's, when he tries to protect his property he goes to jail. I'm going to try to help him. I'm going to talk to the city attorney and see if something can't be done about that. Mr. Chairman, recognizing that this amendment has as much chance of adoption...that this amendment which would legalize all drugs has as much chance of adoption as a snowball has of surviving in the nether regions, I'm going to spare everybody the time of a vote and withdraw it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is withdrawn. Back to a discussion of the Conway amendment to LB 260. Senator Schmit, your light is on, would you care to discuss the Conway amendment? Senator Schmit, would you care to discuss the Conway amendment? Thank you. Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, again, I rise to oppose Senator Conway's amendment and I do that knowing that Senator Conway introduced LB 260 in good faith. We amended it with committee amendments. I think the bill, as has been amended by the committee amendments, is in good shape. I think it will provide not only a revenue source but will also provide a means for us, even though it would be probably not the most effective in terms of fighting the war on drugs, it will provide a means for that. And I would like to see it passed from General to Select File in the form that it has been amended to date. By adopting the amendment that Senator Conway brings at this point, you rewrite the bill, you totally rewrite the bill. You put in provisions that were not even discussed in front of the Revenue Committee last year. You change the entire concept from not only the penalty provision, you take away the criminalization, and you also change the fine, and, basically, what you do through the fine when you say 25 percent street value, is what I think it says, the estimated retail value of the controlled substance, what you do is you take and you allow the taxing authority, you abdicate it to the State Patrol