

introduced. I would urge its advancement. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The gentleman from the 46th legislative district, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a note to add, you must remember that the tax code has been used for criminal investigation purposes. It's, for example, illegal not to report your gambling successes and your winnings even though it may be illegal to gamble. That strange seemingly oxymoronic result is because we tax income whether it is from ill-gotten gain or legal gain under our income tax code. You will recall, for example, that Al Capone was caught and imprisoned not for a violation of the Volstead Act but because he had failed to record all of his income. We do get to some strange results in which the tax code winds up reinforcing in different ways the illegality of certain transactions and provides another way in which wrongdoers may be caught and punished. This is another way of doing that with respect to the transaction for drugs over and above the already existing problems of income tax violations that undoubtedly are occurring since I don't think anybody files a 1040 claiming their drug profits either as a corporation or as an individual on their tax forms. But that result of taxing ill-gotten, illegal gains does exist elsewhere in our law and this is a specialized mechanism to do that for drugs. And I just wanted the record to reflect that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Additional discussion? Senator Warner, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have a question, I guess, of Senator Conway.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway, would you respond?

SENATOR WARNER: Actually, Senator Conway, it's just to clarify in my own mind. I was looking initially at this bill, at the concept at least, of not much interest and then I began to look at it from the measure that as I think it was just discussed by Senator Landis as another measure to control the...in effect, control the sale of illegal drugs. And then I began to hear conversations now that is a revenue measure which certainly would not be of much interest to me, that it is going to result in higher price for drugs which isn't of much interest to me