

way to avoid all this is just pay off another government agency. If you pay off the Revenue Department, you don't have to worry about them, so that's in line with what drug dealers do. They pay off the police, now pay off the Revenue Department and they're home clean again. I listen to all the stuff people talk on this floor and just shake my head at how little they know. It reminds me of a comment that a rhetorician made, Senator Kristensen, talking about a guy. He said, he speaks most learnedly on the wrong side of a question about which he is profoundly ignorant than anybody I have ever heard and that's this Legislature. What is revealed here is the profound ignorance but good intentions of people who are standing up here talking about the good that this is going to do. It's not going to do anything, so you might wonder why I oppose it in the way that I do. I'm tired of seeing laws put on the books, telling people that we've put something there that is going to fight drugs and it's not going to do anything; tired of seeing the Legislature, by formal enactments signed by the Governor, showing how ignorant the officials are of the underground activity out there; tired of seeing politicians beat their little chests, strut around at how they're fighting the drug problem when the people who are in the drugs know that these people know next to nothing and that they don't have anything to worry about. As one person also indicated, it's best to hold your peace and let people think you a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt. It would be better to let people think that the Legislature knows what is going on. Let law enforcement give the impression that they could do something if they were of a mind to do it. Nothing is ever as bad in reality as the threat of it. Nothing is ever as bad in reality as the threat of it. What the Legislature does by enacting this kind of legislation is to show that there is really nothing to worry about. The Legislature is so inept, so impotent, so powerless that it says that a cornerstone of its effort to fight drugs is to tax the drugs. That is so pointless, such a waste. Fifty years from now they will be doing what I heard them doing on the radio this morning, reading inane laws that are on the books and this will be one of them. Now the Revenue Committee, which was in a position to put a very modest tax on spirits and could raise some money for treatment, didn't advance that bill. But here they go run out there and send the Revenue Department, which is not the drug enforcement agency, which does not have an army of investigators or enforcers, to catch drug dealers and get money from them so that they can fund treatment. Silly. I just wish that some of the legislators would go into various