

communities and explain to them this stuff that they talk about on the floor and watch the blank looks on people's face or the incredulous stares. These are the elected officials? These are the ones who are solving the problem? And they tell me they're going to fight drugs by taxing illegal drugs. This is what I have to look forward to in terms of help in solving this problem.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's why I try, in some cases, to save the Legislature from itself. You're not going to raise any money. You're not going to fight any drugs but some of you can go out on the campaign trail and say that you're really in there fighting the drugs because you're going to tax it. And what I will tell them, well, they tell that to you but that's the first step toward legalization, because the state has acknowledged it, has said that those who sell drugs can purchase immunity by paying this tax and the Revenue Department won't bother them, and it's the first step toward legalization. And they will believe me quicker than they will believe you because they don't think anybody could be dumb enough to think a bill like this is going to do anything to stop drugs, it has to be a part of a long-range scheme to legalize them. I will vote against it...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...no matter what reason is given for enacting it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Byars, please.

SENATOR BYARS: Question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Conway, would you care to close on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, LB 260, as we now know it is in the original form, the way it was passed