

assistance and the next time that we probably have to read this, I believe the proper name of the drug is methylenedioxymethamphetamine. This is a speed drug. It is methamphetamines and you've all heard Senator Chambers come after you time and time again about how meticulous the criminal law is, that every "i" has got to be dotted, every "t" has got to be crossed, the words have to be plain. This drug was misspelled in the state statutes and it was misspelled by leaving an "m" out of the middle of it and you will see where I put a little crow's foot there and an "m" above it. Had we put that "m" in there we wouldn't have this amendment, and you would say, well, this will never, ever come up and it shouldn't be a problem. Well, it was. In fact, there has been a conviction in this state thrown out because of a misspelling in the state statute. It occurred over in Adams County, Senator Smith, in the district court there. It was a felony conviction and the gentleman was convicted, however, the defense lawyer upon reading what the state had charged the individual with, was different from what the actual state statute said was illegal, and so in order to correct this, this is a methamphetamine, a speed, an upper, whatever you want to call it generally produced in labs and particularly the illegal labs. It is a compound there that is produced. It is becoming a more popular drug and this is our only chance I think, I had it into a bill of Senator Abboud's last year that did not get to the floor. This is the best opportunity that I have found since we have opened up the drug statutes and particularly this schedule of drugs, to put this amendment in here and to correct the spelling so that people can be convicted of possessing, and I'll make one last run at it, methylenedioxymethamphetamine, and I would urge its adoption. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, discussion, followed by Senator Hefner.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President and members, I strongly support this and I guess I'm just using this opportunity to quite briefly express my frustration, especially as a layman, on why things such as this happen. I was aware of this case as I read about it in the paper, Senator Kristensen, and I cannot understand in many cases how this can be that we have to be so, so, so technical when obviously, I don't think there was another chemical like this that had the "m" left out of it. In other words, how there could be a misconstruance of what this really intended and it is one of the frustrations that I think the