

they were negotiating with this teenager for a kilo of cocaine, and that they were going to go through this teenager to those on top. That is crazy and it is an outright fabric of lies which is what politicians will resort to when they are caught red-handed. That is what this war on drugs is about, and I am not through, but that is about all I can say this time around, and I will put my light on again to continue.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests, please, in the south balcony, who are guests of Senator Wehrbein. There are 17 fourth graders from Murdock School in Murdock, Nebraska with their teacher. Would you students and teacher please stand up so we may welcome you. And we do welcome you and we are glad that you are here. Thank you. Senator Haberman, please. Senator Bernard-Stevens, I don't see him. Oh, Senator Bernard-Stevens, you are next, followed by Senator Langford and Senator Hall.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Pirsch, would you yield to a couple of questions at this time.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Surely.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Pirsch, I am just trying to...I am looking at the amendment that is on 1248. I am trying to make sure that I understand the portion that we are looking at now. And one portion would set the minimum fine, the mandatory fine, or excuse me, the minimum fine would be from 100 to 300 dollars, is that correct on this portion we are looking at now?

SENATOR PIRSCH: At the top of the page, that is one ounce to one pound or less, and that is, yeah, currently there is no minimum on that, but the maximum is \$500 fine and 7 days. And what we are saying is that it should be a Class II and that is \$1,000 fine and six months, and we are saying, yeah, you know fines at the top are wonderful but we are insisting that, and most of these is, that we are putting in minimums.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, Senator Pirsch...

SENATOR PIRSCH: That is one enhancement over the federal program who has zero minimum throughout.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right. Senator Pirsch, I guess my