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question, well, what is the average fine now, and, you know I don't know, and I don't know if we have that information.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The other question I sense in my mind that I am going to have to whittle with or think about for awhile, as we get on through the bill, is if we are looking at children, you know, \$100 fine, for example, is almost as devastating to many of those children as \$1,000 fine, and to put a minimum on of \$300, I guess I am going to ask the question at some point, what are we trying to accomplish? If we think that school children or high school young adults are going to worry about the fine and thus not do it, is this going to be a deterrent, you know, for the children actually to possess? Those are the things I am going to be weighing because I am not so sure that that \$300 fine or a \$500 fine or \$100 fine, many, the numbers themselves are very high to the children. I don't know if that will be a deterrent or not and I am going to be asking some questions along that line of what the real purpose is.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And, Mr. Speaker, I will come back a little bit later when that information starts coming out. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, please, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR LANGFORD: I would like to call the question.

PRESIDENT: I think perhaps it might be a little bit quick, Senator Langford, since we haven't had those supporting it yet. So, we will overlook it for the time being. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Followed by Senator Chambers, Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Wesely.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. I rise in opposition to Senator Pirsch's amendment. I appreciate her concern for the issue of the drug problem that is out on our