

be, if we agreed to, is that, and again I am thinking of public schools, I am thinking of a high school or a middle school or junior high, even elementary, I guess, but in a high school situation if a student would purchase or obtain, even if it was just a gift, I guess, the amounts of marijuana that you are talking about in this particular section of the bill, it would not be the person who sold the material to the student, but the student or the person who actually possessed it that would be punished, am I correct in the interpretation?

SENATOR PIRSCH: I am sorry. The person that actually possessed?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Possesses it would be the one that would be punished?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes. As I said, you can possess it and it is an infraction, and if you hand it to your buddy, it is a felony.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right, I understand that, but I guess one of the interesting things I am just trying to mull over is I understand the difference between just the distribution and actual possession, and I guess one of the things I am still mulling over on this particular part is that I am not sure we are doing anything for the person within the school that is actually doing the selling of the...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, you know you have raised an interesting question because for I would say about the last five years anyway, we have concentrated on the distributor, the dealer. The feds are doing that now. And, quite frankly, I think we need to work on the user now and I think education programs, prevention programs such as DARE that are in our schools, are doing some good. In fact, I have some PRIDE surveys that shows that marijuana use has actually dropped in those elementary grades, but in junior high and senior high, it is increasing, and it seems to me that those are the ones who have missed out on that education and that prevention, but it is the user that we have got to focus on also, as well as that drug distributor and dealer.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Pirsch, answer me another question if you can. If a student within a public school in Nebraska is caught with the limits of marijuana that we are talking about in the first portion of the divided amendment, if