

to change a policy that I am not sure, you know, what are the problems, where are we at? Could you go into that a little bit.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Sure, I would like to. Thank you. As I stated earlier, from a PRIDE survey, and this is reprinted with permission from alcoholism and drug abuse newsletter that...of course, they are concerned with alcohol, too, and, in fact, I might read you first that PRIDE sent me a letter saying allow me to counter a few points in the testimony from the hearing. In answer to Mike Kelly's challenge to my statement that when we prevent an individual from using the gateway drugs, alcohol, tobacco and marijuana until the age of 21, we almost certainly guarantee that the individual will never use illicit drugs nor ever have a problem with alcohol, and that is according to a Dr. DuPont (phonetic) with the press. The statistics that PRIDE points to, and I have to have my glasses, but as I said it has gone done in the lower grades, 6 to 12, (sic) but has gone up in the junior high grades, and the...(laughter) thank you, I have got lots of them. Sorry, Senator Wesely, don't count the time for this. That the survey revealed only 22 percent of the Class of '89 was drug free, which is a horrendous percentage. The other 78 percent admitted using a drug or alcoholic beverage in the past year.

SENATOR WESELY: When you say drug free, do you mean drug free in terms of marijuana, or do you mean drug free in terms of (interruption)?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Alcohol and marijuana, yes.

SENATOR WESELY: But that is a very different...I mean when you throw in alcohol, I think you really skew the results of that, but let me...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, (interruption) claiming intoxication.

SENATOR WESELY: But let me, let me...Senator Pirsch, I am afraid...I am going to let you answer on your own time.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: Let me ask the questions and raise some points, and then let you take the time to answer them later. It is just you obviously need to get your light on and do that. Let me talk, again, about what my concern is. Number one, marijuana