

sounds good and, yes, I would like to be able to support it to say I am being tough on drugs, the fact of the matter is is that you are going to see more and more of these cases appealed, more of them go to court, more and more of them ask for jury trials, and nobody is going to get educated in the process except for the kids who are using it to how the judicial system works and how they might be able to skirt it. With the citation that is currently in place, they have to pay that \$100 fine. They have to successfully complete that education course. That is the way we ought to be dealing with this issue. I haven't seen where it isn't working. I have yet to hear anyone talk about how this system is not working. If anything, I have heard that some usage of marijuana in these cases is actually down. It is not something to take lightly. Drug abuse is something that we need to continue to look at. I think the original intent of Senator Pirsch's bill, I have some problems with that as well, but not near the problems that this amendment presents with the stiffer penalties that it puts in place,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...ignoring the fact that there is a real problem out there with regard to education and prevention which is the route of the solution if there is one to this drug problem. I would urge you to reject this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I hope you weren't beguiled by what Senator Hall talked about. I am in favor of Senator Pirsch's amendment. Senator Pirsch, like that commercial from the guy who is supposed to be from Russia, I love these bills. I love this amendment. Senator Hall, I wish you would have kept your mouth closed because now I have got to complete what he said. Whenever you risk imprisonment, then you are entitled to a jury trial. All of these new punishments risk imprisonment, so you get a jury trial, but in addition to that, you must be appointed a lawyer. Whenever you run the risk of going to jail and you can't afford a lawyer, you must be appointed a lawyer. Senator Hall, why did you have to bring this into the sub...the discussion, and I don't want you to answer because you will bring us something else to discourage my colleagues from accepting this good amendment, and I am going to tell you, brothers and sisters, another reason why I think it is so good.