

for political reasons will often undertake to change the law in such a way as to disjoint and disrupt everything that currently was in place, and the judges will just disregard and ignore that. They know that if everything the Legislature has set down as a law or recommendation to the court were followed, we would have chaos. Why in the world is the Legislature going to have three different categories of punishment penalties and each level is supposed to be more serious than the one before, and the maximum in each case is 50 years. It doesn't make sense. That is why the judges disregard this. They make a reasoned judgment based on the realities of life, and one of the realities is that this kind of stuff that happens that the Legislature is doing now occurs at the top of a political bubble when the national administration has told the Legislature what is politically hot and what the legislators who are interested in gaining political hay ought to be about. So we come in here with these kind of crazy, lame-brained bills whose intent is not crazy, whose intent is not lame-brained, but it simply shows that when you try to do through legislation that which may be socially desirable, it's not as easy as it might seem at first blush. And there are people on this floor who might say because it is such a serious thing to have drugs sold to youngsters, to have them enticed into selling or transporting drugs is a terrible thing, we have got to change the law to make that law reflect how terrible we think it is. Yet when we change the law, we don't change the law. That is what it comes down to, we have not changed the law. I regret that Senator Pirsch withdrew that amendment she had offered. I talked too much. There was a frog that wanted to fly. Well, I won't tell it. It is an Aesopian Fable but I am probably close to the end of my time and it wouldn't make the point as solidly as I want to make it right now. But in any case, every thing that Senator Lowell Johnson is trying to do with his amendment can be done right this minute. If you take a Class II felony which has a maximum of 50 years and that is the name of the crime that exists in one of these sections and you bump it up to a Class IB felony, the maximum is 50 years. So you bump a Class D to a IC and the maximum is 50 years. So what have we changed? Nothing. But what can we go out and tell the public? We are protecting our children because now if somebody commits a crime, whereas they could get 50 years, now they can get 50 years. What I am doing with the amendment that I am offering is trying to bring some rationality into this by taking away this Class IB felony which says the maximum is life imprisonment. Now let's say there is a black person who commits this dastardly crime in conjunction