

with a white person. The white person gets 10 years, Chambers gets life, and the Pardon Board is going to look at that, and they are going to say, no, there is no life for this. A murderer is eligible for consideration for a pardon or a reduction of a life sentence to a term of years after they have served about 15 1/2 years. So you don't want to make it a death penalty, but you make it the same as a penalty for somebody who committed murder and didn't get death, and that person is going to face the likelihood of being paroled after 15 1/2 years. So you impose one of these stiff sentences, let's say that the judge says, 50 years to life. Then after the person serves the minimum amount of that 50 to make him or her eligible for parole, the person will probably get paroled.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I would challenge Senator Johnson or anybody else on this floor to tell me which judge they know who because this is put in place is going to give a harsher sentence than they give right now. And there is another point that I want to make that I think is very significant, even when we talk about the age, itself, but I will do that the next time that I have an opportunity to speak. But my amendment would strike IB felony and substitute IC, which still gives you a maximum of 50 years.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Chambers amendment to the Johnson amendment. Senator Pirsch, would you care to discuss it? Senator Bernard-Stevens on deck.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Chambers, you were opening on your amendment, is that right? Which is to change the one to seven ounces of cocaine or the 28 grams?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, mine would simply change...if you have your Journal, on page 1346 at the top. It says, what it is saying that as you bump these penalties up, in no case shall the penalty be greater, it says presently, than a Class IB felony. I am saying IC. That is all that my amendment changes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Than the IB.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh, it changes IB to IC, and it doesn't talk about any of those amounts or anything else. That is the only thing that mine would do.