

reason, inheres, rather, and for that reason should be penalized severely. I ask you to adopt this amendment so that in voting for the Johnson amendment we establish the right message, which is that it is wrong to sell to kids. That is the right message. The wrong message is that we are going to draw with a little compass a circle around certain privileged facilities and call those more sacred than any other facilities. Places aren't sacred, children, if anything, their well-being is what is the highest value. That is what should be defended and that is what this amendment does.

SPEAKER BARRETT: For purposes of discussion of the Landis amendment, the Chair recognizes Senator Hall, followed by Senators Pirsch and Chambers.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. I rise in support of Senator Landis's amendment. I filed an amendment similar earlier that was specifically to 976 to extract portions of the bill that dealt with areas other than schools, specifically for the reason that I find it difficult to understand how they are defined, difficult to interpret how they would be judged by a court, and whether or not the definitions in the bill allow for a complete and thorough explanation. If you take the time to look at the definitional section. The video arcade is one that has at least ten machines, so that the provisions would not apply to a video arcade that had three pool tables and nine machines. I know there has to be some kind of definitional provision if you are going to put these...list these areas in a bill, but I think Senator Landis in his opening on the amendment clearly spelled out the problems you run into when you do those kinds of things. If the issue is we want to protect children, then I think the amendment that he offers does address that issue. I would have preferred to have his amendment offered after Senator Chambers amendment had been adopted to Senator Johnson's, but since that is not the case, I will support Senator Landis's effort to I think clean up the provision that, basically, has us enact two separate standards with regard to the selling of drugs to kids, which one being that if we are around any of these things that we list in the statute, it is twice as bad to do it, as if we are not. And that to me is ridiculous, because what you will see then is a growing list of those areas or you will see folks come in and try to change that list year in and year out, instead of addressing the issue of the fact that it flat out is bad to sell drugs to kids. That is what you ought to be dealing with, and,