

not reconsidering the Johnson amendment. You're reconsidering only my amendment to it. If your reconsideration is successful, then what will be before the body is still the adoption of the Johnson amendment, which will alter Carol Pirsch's bill. If you want to get to the place of a straight-up shot on the Pirsch bill alone, all you have to do is defeat the Senator Johnson amendment. As a matter of fact, that's the only way to get to a straight shot on the Pirsch bill. You can't get there from here, because after your reconsideration success, well, you go to Lowell Johnson's amendment. You still don't have a straight-up shot on LB 976. If you want that straight-up shot, withdraw your reconsideration motion and kill the Lowell Johnson amendment. Then what will be before the body is exactly what you think this body should have. With respect to Senator Pirsch's question, "why can't both of these ideas coexist," the reason is because the two principles are, in one sense, antithetical. It is the relationship between, let's say, the color black and the color white. Now they can coexist side-by-side, but they cannot coexist at the same location. Why? Because black is the absence of white, and white is the absence of black. It's the absence of all color. You can't have them together. In fact, gray is not black and white put together. Black will simply be the color when you're mixing two different light sources. Now what this means is this; if, for example, the Lowell Johnson amendment is adopted to the Carol Pirsch bill, you will have a strengthening of the penalties for selling to a minor, which will then be enhanced double should it be done close to a school, which means then that you have two different levels. This new higher standard for selling to a kid and then that, itself, being doubled if it's done in front of the school. You can't get the notion of a high penalty for selling to children which is uniform geographically and have LB 976 in its original form. You must give up that to get LB 976.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: And for that reason it is impossible for those two ideas to coexist. Of the two, Senator Johnson's idea is much stronger because it protects kids and not geography and that's why it's the better policy.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Hall, please; followed by Senator Landis. The question been called, do I see five hands? I do and the question is, shall debate cease? All those in