

the other arm off?

SENATOR HALL: Well, I think that would be probably twice as bad.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And yet which do you think ought to carry the most severe punishment?

SENATOR HALL: The example that you give, I would say that the penalty for the chopping off of the arms should be the more severe one.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hall. Now back to you, Senator Johnson. Which of the two allows for the harshest sentence--giving the counterfeit drug or chopping off the limbs?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Counterfeit Drugs Act.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you see what I mean about skewing our system of punishments because we're frantic now and we're going to give a life sentence to somebody who gives a counterfeit drug to somebody a day younger than he or she is, but if that person, instead of giving the counterfeit drug, chopped off the arm, the leg, the ears and did everything short of actually killing the person and the one who gives the counterfeit drug is exposed to a life sentence. I'm saying that I think with these overlapping punishments we're doing nothing anyway, but this "IB" felony is not, strictly speaking, an overlapping because it does change the maximum. And I think it is a mistake to do that. So what my amendment would do is say that, instead of having, and I still think what I'm suggesting would be too harsh if you adopt my amendment. My amendment would say you change that "IB" to a "IC", but if you're going to make it a "IB" you may as well make it "IA", whatever the death penalty is. Do...go all the way like they've done at the federal level. Do like those people running for Governor in Texas have done. One who's running for Governor say, I would execute so many; the other one say, yeah, but I was Governor and I did execute more, and if I get to be Governor I'll execute even more than that. What kind of argument is that for people in a humane, civilized, or purportedly civilized culture to be boasting about? And if you're talking about giving messages, what kind of message does that give to the young people? The top person in the government is saying, elect me because I will see...