

to LB 976 and to the Johnson amendment is by Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, page 1, line 13, strike: "or a counterfeit controlled substance."

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I have up there, Mr. Clerk, are there three amendments related to the same basic idea of striking that particular language from the bill?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would like to take all of these that I have as one amendment because they would all do the same thing even though at different points in the bill. So if I can consolidate these into one amendment, I would like to take them in that fashion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Are there any objection?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The reason I am doing it this way...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Proceed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, excuse me. Because, Mr. Chairman, I had a motion up earlier and it wound up being adopted where I was going to make the same change even though it would have to be made in two places, and once it was accepted in one place, it was accepted in the other. So I hope I can give a rationale that will help you accept this. The way the bill is drafted we are dealing with a person 18 or older and an individual under the age of 18. So that means the one under the age of 18 could be 17-years old, 364 days, or if that person is lucky and it is a leap year, they can be 365 days. So somebody who ordinarily would be 18 would not be 18, or if they unlucky it is a leap year, because it would take 366 days to reach that age. But the point I am trying to make is that we are dealing at a marginal point with the way this bill is drafted and with what it will do. There are going to be many instances where people are going to be roughly the same age, their ages are separated by a few days. They run in the same circle. They engage in the same conduct. I would like to ask Senator Johnson a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lowell Johnson, please.