

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: No, I think present statutes draw no distinction between the two.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if I am 18 and you are 18, both of us just turned 18, and I sell you a real drug, my punishment is not enhanced because your bill doesn't apply if the one to who I sell it or give it is 18. We both just turned 18. But if I one day...I am 18 and you are 1 day less than 18 and I give the drug to you, then, and it is a counterfeit, I get more time for selling you that counterfeit than I would get for selling somebody else the real thing.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Because this is addressing the problem of sale to a minor and a minor is defined as 18 or under.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if a person were of a mind to deal with minors, he or she would just as well sell them the real drug as a counterfeit since the punishment is the same, right? There is no advantage in trickery, because here is what some people do, they will make these naive kids think they are getting drugs and charge them the price but what they get is not drugs, it's not harmful, but if they are going to do this anyway and they are going to get the same sentence, then they may as well sell them the real drug. You give an incentive to people to sell a real drug rather than a counterfeit. And we are so anxious again to jump on President Bush, the one who sets up drug deals outside the White House, so anxious to get with him, that we would rather have drug dealers sell the real thing to these kids than a counterfeit. We don't want them to do either one.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Senator Pirsch. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, another thing, and Senator Hall touched on it and he may have an amendment that deals with it in more detail, so I will just