

SPEAKER BARRETT: Excuse me. The call is raised.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, and I am putting out the call, and I am calling Senator Pirsch by name, and Senator Lowell Johnson, and all the others who have recognized that alcohol is the most abused drug in this society. Now if a person is over the age of 21, they can partake of alcohol legally. Senator Hall, am I right about that? Senator Hall nods yes. If a person is under the age of 18, if they are under the age of 21, they cannot, but I am keeping it in line with what Senator Lowell Johnson is talking about. Senator Pirsch, I would like your help on this. I am going to ask you a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a person is under the age of 18 and is given alcohol, is that alcohol a legal substance for that person at that age to consume?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Absolutely not. In fact, someone who is 20 years, 364 days, it is not legal.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, what I am doing is taking a substance which under the circumstances of Senator Johnson's bill is an illegal substance, it is the drug of choice of young people. Now this is my polygraph amendment. I am going to see if we are playing politics or if we are really going after the substance that affects more young people than all of these other drugs put together. There are more crimes committed if there is some narcotic substance involved where the substance is alcohol. There are more automobile accidents where the substance is alcohol. There are more deaths and accidents where there is alcohol, whether it is in a vehicle or on the job, where alcohol is the problem. If this amendment that Senator Lowell Johnson is offering has received the support from the members that it has because we are concerned about the children because they are precious, then why should not this same bill protect those from the most abused destructive drug in this society. Alcohol, given to somebody under the age of 18, is not a legal substance, even though William Bennett came here and said, you ought to forget about dealing with alcohol where young people are involved because I am the drug czar and I have made alcohol verboten. We don't talk about that because he couldn't have his parties and his