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SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I am not saying it would make you a drug dealer. Does it become legal in my hands?

SENATOR PIRSCH: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But now let's say that you, in fact, give it to me knowing it is an illegal drug.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Then, that is my crime.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So alcohol is legal in your hands.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am under 18. If you give it to me, is it legal in my hands?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, actually, I was just reminded that if you serve it in your home that that is a private affair, if you are my minor.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Stay with this, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: 53-180.02 is the statute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, I think we are all aware of that because that is how a lot of youngsters wind up using alcohol without...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...running afoul of the law. But what my amendment does is to make it the same as these other drugs, so that if parents give their children alcohol, just as if they give them marijuana or share their pills with them because let's say they have got a serious exam coming up and they are tense, so they need something to relax them so they get a Valium or whatever is given in that area where people use those substances. It is still not the thing to do.

SENATOR PIRSCH: But we are still dealing with an illegal and a legal substance.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then you don't like this amendment?