

a hot skillet, put an egg in it, and say, the skillet represents drugs and the egg represents your brains. When we want to show the ravages of alcohol, we don't have to do that. Everybody sitting in here right now could be on drugs and we would never know. That is why you have to contrive this other stuff, but when you go to certain locations where people have used alcohol, nobody has to contrive anything. I have seen Bill Cosby do skits where if he walked in the way he walks, you wouldn't say he is on drugs, you'd say he is drunk.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You could show a stretch of sidewalk littered with people in ragged clothes and you would call it skid row, and you'd say they are probably all drunk and they are drunk on cheap wine. We can see with our eyes and have experienced what alcohol does, so there is no question about it, but there is a very powerful alcohol lobby. This amendment as drafted would not make anything illegal which is legal now. It would not make anything illegal which is legal now. What it would do is put alcohol in the same category these other drugs, as "Liz" Karnes and these other wise people have indicated, and I agree with her, I hope she sticks by her guns and doesn't let anybody back her away, because she has taken a position that is in line with the truth that we all know.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute. Excuse me, time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would rather accept what you said at first but I understand we misspeak sometimes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. Again I rise in opposition to even the amended Chambers amendment which does hit right at home in terms of the issue of how are we going to deal with drugs, no matter if those drugs be illicit drugs, whether they be legal prescription drugs or whether they be the drug of alcohol, because clearly that is what Ernie is saying. He is saying let's be consistent. If we are going to do this, let's not be hypocritical and say on one hand one drug that kills people is that much worse than another drug that kills people because they all kill people. I mean that is plain the fact, but even with the amended version that he has offered, you do wreak havoc on the statutes and you wreak havoc on the