

alcohol industry. I don't like to stand up here and defend them but it is an issue that when you look at changing the penalty provision that you would in this bill to a IC felony, as with the Chambers amendment we have done, you are talking about a IC felony for a clerk at Baker's or a clerk at the Hy-Vee or a clerk at the Safeway who happens to sell a six-pack to an individual who looked to be 21, who showed ID to be 21, but yet proved later in actuality that they weren't 21, and you would have the potential there to put that individual away for, what was it, 50 years, I think was the penalty. I don't know, I can't remember now, the maximum side of that. That is what you are doing when you adopt the amended version that Senator Chambers offers. It is a good policy question and it really does bring out the whole issue that we are dealing here, both in 976 as it was originally offered, and Senator Johnson's amendment to that bill because you can't look at the situation in a vacuum. You can't look at each of these separate issues in a vacuum. You have to look at all the aspects of the drug problem, and the drug problem encompasses both alcohol, illegal and legal drugs, prescription drugs that are out there. They are all being abused. You shouldn't look at one because it is a hot topic because it does make for great political hay, and you shouldn't make legislation like my buddy, Al Buda. He is on the front page of the World-Herald tonight, and Al's grocery store is going to close. I was just thinking, I probably have to pass a resolution for Al. I used to buy penny candy there, and when I got older, I bought beer there. But Al is pictured there with his very famous sausage and makes me think that is exactly what we are doing here in the way of legislation. We are doing the old axiom about you don't want to see how legislation and sausage are made, and we are grinding it up right now, and this amendment that Senator Chambers offers does prick the ears up and it does sound great, but it wreaks havoc on the system that is currently in place with regard to our statutes on alcohol and how we deal with the penalties that are involved with serving alcohol to a minor or making alcohol available to a minor. I would urge you again to oppose this amendment. I have no problem dealing with all of these issues across the board in an interim study that addresses the use and abuse and the penalties, specifically the penalties with regard to allowing...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...these types of substances to be made available to a minor, but we shouldn't be doing it here today at four,