

was the amendment that Senator Chambers had that dealt with the issue of not being able to have the penalty removed, even if you were acquitted on appeal, which really made no sense at all. Those two provisions could have been adopted into this bill, and then there could have been a straight up argument on whether you thought the bill was good law or not, and it could have been voted up or down. But it's my belief that folks didn't want to do that, at least some folks, not all. I think Senator Chambers is honest in his opposition to this issue. But there is others, I believe, that didn't want to get any farther than LB 976, they didn't want to deal with the bill that is behind it. They wanted to talk about kids and how they're affected by drugs and alcohol and other things, and they wanted to talk about kids under the age of 18. Well, let's...I don't have any problem talking about very little kids, kids still in the womb, what's wrong with that. Why don't we offer that amendment. Make it illegal for anybody over the age of 18 to supply those kids with drugs, a mother, for example, who is expecting. That would be an interesting amendment to this bill, wouldn't it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR DIERKS: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Shall debate cease? Record, please.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers, to close on the motion to bracket.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Hall made an interesting observation, I won't call it a suggestion, that why not an amendment to make it a crime for a pregnant woman to take drugs that may affect the fetus. That fits the attitude that exist in this country, put the woman in jail, make her a criminal. Always the woman, always the woman, always the harsh punishments are directed at the woman, not just any woman, the poor woman, the ignorant woman. From time immemorial, royalty, the elite, the upper class have been able to obtain abortions, always. Religious people, who are not