

her blood, or anybody else for that matter, you know, if they are an adult, is a hazard to the health and safety of all persons using the highways?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Not in every case.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But we are going to make a blanket assessment with reference to minors and punish them, not because they are a hazard...why are we punishing them?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: We are punishing them because the policy is that minors shouldn't possess alcohol.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now if a person has drugs in his or her system, can that person be charged with possession of drugs, under the law?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No. Well, we haven't done so, right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, but they can...well, they can charge anything they want to, but I meant based on the way the law stands, you cannot get a conviction of possession of drugs because somebody has drugs in their system.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: We haven't done it but we could do so. We haven't chose to do so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You can charge...I said under the law. Possession does not mean having drugs in your system. There are prosecutors, by the way, in case Senator Kristensen hasn't read it, who will try to do this around the country with pregnant women and they have failed. They have not been able to succeed, and it has always been an attempt to do this with women. And now we are doing it with the minors. The vulnerable powerless groups are the ones always attacked by these crusading prosecutors and grandstanding politicians. They dare not say, apply this to adults, but they will apply it to the young people, and I think that is ridiculous. Either a person is impaired and under the influence at .02 or he or she is not, and the fact is he or she is not. So the philosophy of the bill is found in that language on page 27 that I read. Under the influence, you are a hazard. These people, these youngsters are not under the influence...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.