

in that and we see the damage that is caused to children by that philosophy and attitude. Then there is an English expression that says, things that can be improved by beating you number three, a dog, a woman and a walnut tree. Now I don't know what beating a walnut tree would do in terms of any harm, but we know that with the other two beating is not helpful. So I am upset about the many bills that come before this Legislature whose driving thrust is to punish or oppress our young people. That is the first alternative we resort to. They say patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel. There was a guy who just died the other day after writing hundreds of science fiction novels who made a comment to the effect, violence is the last refuge of the incompetent. I say that punishing our young people in this way to try to compel their compliance with conduct that we say is appropriate when we ourselves don't engage in that conduct is the last refuge of blank, and you can fill it in as you choose. There are many young people who won't pay any attention to anything older people say because older people are not generally honest. This bill is not being offered because its aim is to stop young people from drinking. That's not why it is offered. If we wanted to do that we could just say it's against the law for a young person under this age to consume alcoholic beverages, period, and then whenever we caught one who had consumed it, that is the offense, but it's legal. If the presumption does not exist that this relatively small amount of alcohol in the system causes a person to be impaired or an unsafe driver, why are you going to make it a crime in young people but not everybody? If this is the first step toward lowering the concentration of alcohol that is necessary to be proved in order to have a person guilty of drunk driving, let us not take it a step at the time. Let us be fair across the board and say that what we're really trying to get at is a situation where people who consume small amounts of alcohol, relatively speaking, will not drive without being guilty of an offense against the criminal laws of this state if they are caught, but we won't do that. I don't understand the justification of having the various bills that we push to the Legislature dealing with child abuse of all varieties that we can think of and then the Legislature when we come to the area of the law, where we say there is to be majesty, there is to objectivity...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...fairness and equality for everybody who comes before the bar of justice, we are going to blanketly