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SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of this portion of the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of....

SENATOR HALL: This portion of the committee amendments is adopted. Next portion of the committee amendments, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Lindsay, floor amendment 21, dealing with the equalization of cocaine, crack cocaine penalties, as identified on your handout.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lindsay, you're recognized to open on this portion of the committee amendments.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Hall, members of the Legislature. This...the bill as introduced altered the increased penalties for possession with intent to deliver, which would basically be possession of large amounts of controlled substances. We started down this track in about 1989 with, I believe, Senator Abboud's legislation which created some mandatory minimums for certain drug offenses. This...the bill as introduced lowered the amounts that would be necessary and created additional classifications of cocaine and crack cocaine along with heroine and amphetamines and some other controlled substances. This particular section of the amendment deals with cocaine and crack cocaine. Studies have shown, and I'm going to defer a little bit here to Senator Chambers who has some