

distribute the drug. But it certainly isn't our responsibility to say that or condone what their activity is by reducing those penalties and that is what we are doing with this amendment, and that's why I don't support the change in the amendment. I didn't feel that the change was necessary in this second version of the committee amendment, but in trying to work with the committee, and be a cooperative member of the Judiciary Committee, I voted to send the amendment out with those changes. I didn't see it as a problem legally, and I felt that there really wasn't much of a need for a change, but to go completely in the opposite direction without a public hearing, without any discussion...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...from the public, I feel is a wrong approach and we should not be taking in here with a floor amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr...Senator Bernard-Stevens, and members. Senator Abboud or Senator Chambers could maybe answer a question for me that I...I just think it would be interesting for us to know because Senator Abboud did say...he talked about the dealing in crack cocaine and so on. Like 450 grams, then we are talking about dealers here, Senator Chambers? I want to be sure I understand. This, your amendment, too, and the amendment that you're amending, like on the streets, just off the top of your head, how much would that be worth?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sixteen ounces.

SENATOR CROSBY: But I mean how much money would...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I have no idea.

SENATOR CROSBY: Oh, okay, you don't...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I thought you said convert it (laughter)...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Abboud, do you have any idea? Well, I...go ahead, do you have any idea how much? Well, I think...