

SENATOR ABOUD: I probably...

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SENATOR ABOUD: I can probably get that information for you, Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, it'd just be interesting, I think, but when you talk about penalties and the dealing on the street, and so on, and I am trying to understand who uses crack and who uses the other kind, I forget now what you said it was. Powder, right, thank you. I think the money involved is highly...of high interest here because that's why they sell it, right? Besides they play on the people who need it and want it and have to have it, and so I don't see any reason that the people who are dealing shouldn't have high sentences, tough sentences. That's, I guess that's the point I am trying to get at, the people who are dealing. Someone who buys it and is caught with possession is a little different for me, but I think these rulings from the judges the last couple of weeks have had some bearing here too, and I understand what Senator Abboud is saying, and I think...I am trying to follow along here so I understand when we get to the amendment and/or amendments that we know what we are voting for or against. And when law enforcement, we hand law enforcement laws that they have to deal with and enforce, so I think if we don't give them some kind of penalties that are going to mean something to these people that are making the money off the crack cocaine, I don't see any reason not to do that. So I am not making a whole lot of sense here, but it is because I think this amendment is very difficult to follow and to understand what we might be voting for or against. So when you speak again, Senator Chambers or Senator Abboud, maybe you can make it a little plainer to be really sure we understand. When we go back between the amendment and the green copy, it gets difficult, especially for people who aren't lawyers. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Pedersen, and Abboud.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Crosby, I was listening to what you said, but I didn't get everything. The difficulty in telling what any of these drugs would be worth depends on a lot of factors; that the quality or the purity of the drug, the kick that it would have