

will befriend the child and have them try something, and it is not hard to hook these kids, and a lot of them will do things because they think it makes them grown up, and you give it to them. Just like you throw the bait out for the fish, then when you hook the kid and the kid doesn't have any money, he needs the drugs, you tell him you make some money for me. You sell the drugs and I will give you enough for your habit. And if the kid does a good job, then you tell him, okay, now you can make some extra money, and I am going to trust you to run these drugs for me. And you'll not just get enough for your habit but you'll get paid. But before they want to do too much in a big way with somebody working for them, they want to get somebody who does not use drugs. You don't want them using the product. You don't want them making mistakes. You don't want them bringing the police back to you. Drug dealing is just like any other business, and there are people at the top who could make it in a bank, in a Fortune 500 corporation. They understand all the dynamics of business. They know how to market. They know how to package. They know how to make it alluring to whatever market they are trying to reach, and they are successful. And one of the reasons they are helped in being successful is that society makes it illegal. Whenever you make something illegal, you allow a certain group of people willing to take the risk to corner the market, and by creating an artificially valuable market for them, they make tons of money, enough money to corrupt federal agents, to corrupt federal judges, to corrupt state police, local police.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if you watch television or read the newspapers, you see that there are officers at all levels falling victims to the huge amounts of money made on drugs. When they transport these drugs by airplane, to show how much money is involved, they fly the drugs into this country, then they abandon the airplane. The cost of the airplane is nothing. They will leave it there and the government can find it. They'll abandon a car. The amounts of money are staggering and the government and this society help play into that by keeping drugs illegal, and we nibble around the edges by saying we are going to create some harsh punishments and put people in jail because they are junkies, get a big sheet of arrests we've made, and not only not touch the problem, we aggravate it, but all we are trying to do here with this amendment is to determine at what level we ought to fix this punishment.