

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. Senator Pedersen, I need some help from you. Are you a chemist, Senator Pedersen?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Quickly give it to you. Crack cocaine is turned into a rock. It is smoked, it is lit, fired up with a temperature and turned into a vapor that you suck into your lungs. Your lungs are nothing more than biologically open blood vessels and it goes directly to your brain. If you snort cocaine in a powder, it has to go to the lungs and then break down into the.. break the powder into the liquid into the lungs and then go up. If you take it by...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: If you take it and break it down with a liquid, you can do that, if you can shoot it, but then it has to go from that system to get to the brain.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Where does it have to...what does it have an effect on that gives you the high? What part of you...what part of your system does it act on to give you...

SENATOR PEDERSEN: The brain.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a feeling of euphoria or whatever you want?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: The brain, a very, very wonderful feeling, and it comes much faster with crack than it does...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It affects your brain.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: ...with the smoking of it than it does...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It goes into your brain.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, I accept what you said. Okay, now it goes into your brain. Now is it a different substance when it is in your brain as a result of smoking than when it is as a result of snorting it?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: No, the smoke is just faster, a faster way of getting it there, and because it is so fast, it comes in faster