

where there is no basic difference. People will say crack is a lot more addictive and they don't know. These white people don't go around black people where...they don't go to crack houses, crack dens. Now you all might go to what Sherlock Holmes went to, an opium den, but that's different. You might go where delicate company will what they call, oh, let me use something that Senator Jensen said to show the difference in the way that society views drug use. Remember, white people are the ones who use powder cocaine mainly. You hear how they say the recreational use. Do you see how they change even the connotation of drug use. If it is crack, it is always you are addicted the first time you take a puff. In fact, if you look at it hard and don't blink, you get addicted and you're a crackhead from then on. And not one of these people doing this talking has been to a crack house, in my opinion. Now they might have driven past something that people call that, but if we were going to get down to what the real problem is, Senator Jensen, and, Senator Pedersen, and everybody else who is concerned about the use of drugs, doing what we are doing here by increasing penalties is not going to even touch it, not going to touch it all. There is nothing in what we are doing that will stop predators from using youngsters. Nothing that we are doing is going to touch that. We cannot be on the street with these children all the time, or have a cop watching every one, but you will notice that people in the community know where the crack houses are, but the cops can't seem to find them. The people in the community know who the midlevel dealers are but the cops can never find them. And the big shots, the real entrepreneurs, when it comes to drugs, are not touched by anybody, not by the federal government, not by anybody else. And they are not invisible people. These kind of things, increasing punishments, will make people feel good, but it is not going to increase the number of arrests. It is not going to change any of that. What I am trying to do is as much as we, as a Legislature, can do when we enact a law, and that's to create a set of circumstances where people who perceive this law, who read this law will see it as being reasonable, and even if we hate the conduct, which we legislate against, our laws...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...still ought to be appropriate to deal with that offense, and I say again, it will cost a lot less money to treat people and be involved in prevention than it does in putting people in prison. What is being pursued by the