

Legislature so often is what some of you have rightfully called after the fact activity, and it is always far more expensive. We can get the Legislature, without batting an eye, to raise punishments like this to build more prisons and spend all this money to incarcerate people, but let us talk about getting a program of true drug education, drug counseling, and the kinds of things that will help not only young people, but anybody faced with a drug problem, and we can't get a nickel. You don't hear the people who say don't spend the state's money on social programs saying don't spend the state's money on prisons. We've got to change our mind-set, and I hope you will adopt this amendment that I'm offering.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Mr. President and members, just a couple more little things, then I will give my time to Senator Chambers so he can ask me some questions in this area. Senator Chambers, I know you won't believe this, I have been in a crack house. Last summer I had to enter one with a young lady, a 16-year-old mother to get her baby, and I'm not a rescuer, but I knew the man and she was scared of him and I knew he wouldn't hurt me. So I did enter one, but it was not to buy crack. Addiction was mentioned, I am going to talk about two different kinds of addiction, so you have some understanding of what we're looking at. Physical addiction and psychological addiction are two complete different things. Physical addiction is the easier treated one of the two, sometimes more dangerous when you're...if you have got somebody who is down to the point of delirium tremens, or DTs, but the physical addiction most of the time go through a detox, whether it be alcohol or whatever kind of drug they were using, and once they are off that drug, you start giving it to them, sometimes they use Valium or Librium, but you bring them down slow, and once they are done, they are off the physical addiction. They quit shaking. They quit needing it. The body doesn't no longer need it. One of the first things they do when they hit the streets again and go out and use, that's the psychological addiction, and the psychological addiction is this wonderful feeling, and everybody wants to feel good, and why shouldn't they, and if you can get it artificially, that's where the drugs and the alcohol and these medications, in some cases, come in. And medications in some cases, a lot of cases, don't want to underestimate the overuse of them type of drugs either. So the psychological