

addiction, and that wonderful, wonderful high that you can get, and it is more wonderful sometimes when you can get it there faster, but there is a difference in the two addictions the physical addiction and the psychological addiction. Senator Chambers, you can have the rest of my time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Members of the Legislature, some of you all may be aware of the drug whose brand name is Ritalin. It is methylphenidate. They give it to children. Now when it was first starting to be given, it was used in black schools, and it was in Omaha, and I attacked it. And I attacked a doctor named Oberst who was the one who was distributing it to most of the families, and the schools backed off a great deal because of the attacks that I made. I was condemned in editorials in the American Medical Association's Journal. I was condemned by a columnist in a magazine called the New Republic. I was excoriated as one who couldn't possibly know what he was talking about, yet a doctor at Creighton took a paper that I prepared on it and it had to...it was based on the idea of the drug companies produce a new drug and then they create a new disease. They called it hyperactivity, and it came into being after they started distributing Ritalin. Ritalin is addictive, and I said way back then that Ritalin is a drug that is going to be sold on the streets like any other drug. It took a long time, but that's what's happening now.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And it was addictive, and there are people today who are grown who are addicted to Ritalin because it was given to them as children because it is supposed to settle them down. And because it was in the amphetamine category and it was supposed to be a stimulant, they couldn't figure how it could settle down these children. So they said what it does, it stimulates the nervous system, but by stimulating it, it also stimulated that portion that repressed the child's hyperactivity. So although it was a stimulant, it stimulated the repression-type response and, therefore, the child would settle down. But you give somebody the right kind of drug, and you'll...you'd settle me down if you did that, that's why I don't deal with them. But, anyway, there are all kinds of levels, and that's...I mentioned it because Senator Pedersen mentioned that you can get prescription drugs and...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Time.