

danger she had been exposed to, she had been pressured into this agreement without counsel, and after having done so much, they still wanted to insist that she do other things and said that the trooper would determine when she had properly cooperated. The court said this, in effect, reduces this woman to slavery. This violates the 13 amendment to the U.S. Constitution, that a deal had been entered into, she had done what they had wanted her to do, so it was not going to be a situation now where they hit her with a lower offense and she pleads guilty. The court dismissed the original underlying charge. And on appeal, which is the case you have before you, the appellate court upheld the lower court, and the dismissal stood. A lot of young people right now on college campuses are caught up in this system, and I am shocked that Senator Stuhr is so unconcerned about how our young people are misused by law enforcement to this very day. Maybe she's out of touch, but college students use marijuana; high school students are using it more; and maybe that's why the prosecutors told her to say let youngsters under 19 do this if their parents agree. Because their kids can get picked up on marijuana now and instead of being processed in a way that might help rescue them, they'll be turned into snitches. Why should somebody under 19 years old be snitching for the police anyway. And since she said criminals surround themselves with criminals, is it difficult for you to envision an adult with a drug problem having charges pending against him or her and being told we'll drop the charges against you if you let your child snitch for us. There are people who are so caught up on drugs that they have sold or traded a child for a few hits or for drugs. This.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is a pernicious activity, and if the kind of wrongful abuse of authority is going to be done toward an individual not under any kind of state custody, imagine the pressures that will be brought to bear on people who are either on parole, probation, work release, or actually locked up. It has been shown repeatedly that this kind of testimony is suspect anyway because the individual who was snitching has something to gain by helping the police make the case by saying whatever they want him or her to say, even if lying is involved. I am going to talk about some specific things that led to the bill the next time, but I'll put my light on again.