

and abuse. Ephedrine is a decongestant used primarily for sinus congestion and self-treatment of asthma-like conditions, but it has...it is the drug of choice of our youth. It has a history of being abused by athletes for its stimulant effect, and also for being converted into methamphetamines or speed on the street. This is nothing more than an attempt to bring these substances under appropriate control, supported by our pharmacists, and also any issues in this bill with regard to over-the-counter drug manufacturers have also been reconciled. I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brashear, I see no lights on. I see one light on. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Brashear, do we have a copy of this amendment anywhere?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brashear.

CLERK: It is in your bill book, Senator.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Do you have a page number, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: It is in your bill book.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh, I am sorry. Okay, thank you. I guess I am getting nervous about the things that we are doing here this morning. I am not sure what we did on that last amendment. I should have gotten up in time to ask Senator Firsch if, you know...more specifics about her amendment, but I am not sure I am...I know whether this is a real big issue or not, Senator Brashear, and I'm a little bit reluctant, having not even seen the amendment yet, to do this. I'm sorry.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I applaud Senator Brashear for bringing this issue forward this morning. I had a similar bill in committee, but decided that we would support his bill and so I...this bill is a good bill. It is an issue that received some concern in my district. I know my constituents would be very pleased if we would amend LB 1213 with 4248 and move the bill forward.