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the primary culprits. One thing Jesus said I agree with, I got to take these things one at a time, where much is known, much is required. Where much is known, much is required. You deal with people on the basis of their culpability and you determine the degree of that culpability by looking at things such as knowledge, intent, experience, and other things that go into the decision and the conduct that you're dealing with. We're talking about young people who are led astray by adults. Understand, brothers and sisters, I am probably more opposed to young people drinking than anybody on this floor. I am opposed to the consumption of alcoholic liquor, period. But you have never seen any bill brought by me to prohibit adults from consuming liquor. Unlike my colleagues, I don't try to criminalize every thing with which I disagree. You don't see me bringing bills to make this a crime, that a crime, and every thing else a crime. You see me trying to mitigate all of this tendency to punish and criminalize. If our child is enmeshed in the net, we want to do what we can to extricate that child. We will get people in the community, the school, the church, to write letters of recommendation saying what a wonderful child this one is, do all that we can to help our child or the child of a friend, but everybody else's child is cannon fodder. I don't feel that way. I think every child is our child and we should show the same concern for the most impoverished, neglected, abused child in this society that we do toward the most favored and privileged. To help demonstrate that the attitude of most people is not fair and just in dealing with children, let's place two children before you. One is unwashed, snotty-nosed, ragged, no shoes, looks like he or she belongs to nobody. Right beside that child is one scrubbed, perfumed, dolled up to the nines. Which child is going to be approached and picked up...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and cooed to? We know and that is not fair. The law is not to take the blinders off and become a respecter of persons. We know that certain children are going to be treated with more leniency than others. I am not in favor of that and I am not in favor of criminalizing any of our children in the way this and other legislatures seem inclined to do.