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like to legalize marijuana. And I can tell you today, from my experience, my personal experience, that I believe that when the numbers go down in the consumption of cigarettes with youth, that the number goes up in the use of marijuana. One reason has been in the last few years is that it's easier to get. Nobody asks you for ID when you go in to buy marijuana, but you know who has it, and they buy it. Over 80, close to 90 percent of the young people, and obviously me being a drug and alcohol counselor I've been seeing most of them for drugs and alcohol, but I do a lot of education, too, are using marijuana on a regular basis. True, most of them have been in some type of trouble with the law, and have had some behavior problems already. But I believe that, if we raise the price in any significant amount, that we will now be making cigarettes and tobacco competitive in price with marijuana, at least heading that way very fast. Those people who want to legalize marijuana and have marijuana smoking on a regular basis, and see it as a health reason, I think see this as a wide gap. And I know one person who's talked to me personally about it, and said, Dwite, you are opening the door for them to drive right straight through the middle. I would like to see whatever we could do to stop the young people from smoking. All the people that I know that are adults that are still smoking are trying. There's a few defiant ones out there, who say, we'll smoke whether you want us to or not, but most of the people would like to be able to quit. We're talking about youth here. And I don't think this is the way to go about it. I don't know that education is the only answer. But I know every time we legislate to take over parenting, and every time we legislate to take over the responsibility that we're supposed to have to young people, to guide and lead them, it hasn't worked. And when we talk about just raising the price of tobacco for no other reason than the young people won't be able to afford to buy it, a lot of the young people I know drive nicer cars than I do, and they wouldn't think anything of paying for it, if that's what they want.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: But there are a lot of poor people out there. And the poor people I know who would want to smoke go about other means to get it. I just don't see this as being the