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only ones who can sell it, but the adults are not to be punished as severely as the children, because the children are really the heavies in this whole thing; they're tricking all these adults.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They're endangering the livelihood of the adults who sell these dangerous, volatile liquids. So the children must be punished. And brothers and sisters, I'm offering you an opportunity to do that. Now, if the 39 lashes seems unduly lenient, my mind is open to making that harsher if you can give me a persuasive argument.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On the Chambers amendment to the Hilgert amendment to LB 267, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. President, members, I don't know if this is really on the Chambers amendment or not, but I guess it goes right along with it. On the Hilgert amendment, I thought to start with that he might as well save his breath to cool his oatmeal, because it didn't have a chance. But with the Chambers...Senator Chambers getting up and speaking like he's halfway for it, I think there may be a chance for this particular amendment to become attached to LB 267. I spoke on this this morning and said I wouldn't speak on it again, but we absolutely have to send our children...I call them children...a message, and they are not getting the message. Now, whether you want to give them lashes or do you want to give them...take away their license...I think maybe the license taking away would be more difficult than the lashes, Senator Chambers. I really do. I think they'd get the message quicker. Driver's license is a sacred thing to them. And you've got to keep in mind, if they don't commit the so-called crime, nothing will happen. If they're not guilty, nothing's going to happen. I had a lady call me. She said, well, what are you going to do to my son? Are you going to take away his license? I said, why, did he commit a crime? She said, no. I said, is he going to? She said, well, I don't think so. It won't affect you, period. It will not affect you if you don't...if you're not there. And that's as simple as I can put it. I don't know how else to say it. I think the lashes may be easier on them, Senator Chambers,