

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 10, 2004 LB 868

purity is such that it can be snorted now, and white kids are doing it at such a rate that it's being discussed differently now. They are not talking about these dope fiends who need to be thrown in prison for a minimum number of years, which is humongous. They're talking about treatment because their children now are doing it. And do you know where they got their first gateway drug?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In the bathroom in the medicine chest. White people got uppers, downers. They've got doctors who will prescribe drugs that they don't need for a medical condition, but because they are dope users, this is so that they don't have to go out on the street and buy their drugs. White kids know this. I used to give talks out at Westside all the time, and I talk to white kids when they come down here. You all would probably be stunned at what they tell me, not because of the words they're telling me, but the fact that they would tell me. Because you all know these things are going in your community, and we know it too. So take care of your own, and don't be trying to be missionaries and say what's best for mine when you cannot even deal with your own. You know them better than you know mine, or you should. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the motion by Senator Chambers to recommit to committee, Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. I always thought when I got here that you could take about, for some of the shorter amendments or some of the shorter bills, you could take about 15, 20 minutes, read through them, and then you'd know which side to fall on. That's hardly the case anymore. I don't know how I feel about recommit to the committee. I don't know how I feel about the amendment. I know I like Senator Redfield's bill. That's about all I can stand up here and tell you right at this moment. The thing that...the first question that occurred to me, which I thought might be fairly interesting and I should maybe share it, is that I looked at it and I said, well, what's the difference between a kid, in about six weeks,