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and put it on the record that we make sure that we don't forget it at any one time. When you go in the courtroom and the attorney tells you to put on a sport coat and a tie, he tells you that because automatically the mind says, this person is going to be all right, just by the way they're dressed. And you bring a person right behind them that has long hair that has not been washed, and dirty jeans and a t-shirt and slept under the bridge overnight, with exactly the same rap sheet, conviction history, and you'll see that the person, in the same color, the person in the dirty clothes is going to get more than the other. Things are working better than that, and I think our judges in this state, I'm very, very pleased with, have attacked that and our Supreme Court has done a dynamic job in working on this. But we must not forget for a minute that it has to continue. These are our brothers and sisters, too. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Janssen, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. When I...when Senator Friend gave me the time, I ran out of a few things that I wanted to talk about, so I pushed my light back on. I believe that it's unnecessary to have someone, a clerk behind the counter selling these products, they have to be 19. But you can be 18 to procure it. So I had talked to Senator Bourne, and on Select File I will offer an amendment to lower that to 18. It really isn't going to help that much in small communities or larger communities, the way it is, too, that a lot of young people are under 18 years old, to find a job. And about the only place that they can find a job would be in a grocery store or a variety store, or something like that, that these products are sold. So I believe that I will offer this amendment on Select File, to lower that to 18. You know, and it bothers me that the more we talk about these things, and I know it's important and we need to discuss them, but it does raise a lot of curiosity in young people, when we start this, this type of legislation and we have these conversations on the floor. It raises...young people have...their attention is quite unique, and they, ooh, you know, what are they talking about? Are they talking about Luden's cough drops, are they talking about...I said that, because Senator Hudkins has a package of those laying