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interpreted that way.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Well, I would hope that we would move the discussion to adults and not to juveniles. I think...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Further discussion? Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Flood, on the Chambers amendment to the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. want to share with you a couple of things that I have in my file folder, and one is the fact that the Idaho senate just passed a bill similar to what we would be doing here under this amendment, and it's not thought that it's going to be passing the house. But in that particular instance, the medical and the substance abuse treatment community rallied to oppose it, and I would just like to read from (sic) you some of the groups that made statements about this. The American Medical Association, to begin with, said that pregnant women will be likely to avoid seeking prenatal or open medical care for fear that their physician's knowledge of substance abuse or other potentially harmful behavior could result in a jail sentence rather than proper medical treatment. I'm not going to read each statement, but they're all very similar. In addition to the American Medical Association, there's a statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Public Health Association, the American Nurses Association, the American Society Addiction Medicine, the March of Dimes, the National Association for Perinatal Addiction Research and Education, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, the Coalition of Alcohol and Drug-Dependent Women and Their Children, the Center for the Future of Children, the Southern Legislative Summit on Healthy Infants and Families, the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators, the American Psychiatric Association, all groups or most groups with whom you are very familiar and aware. There have also been court cases on some of these