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that the adults abuse it, Senator Koch, I don't think is a reason for the Legislature to calculatingly adopt a policy of making it available to the children. Now there are young people who don't want to be called children so when I use the term I don't mean childish. I am talking in terms of those who are young, the ones who will be the future, the ones who are to lead this society regardless of how we treat them now or what we say about them and I don't think you prepare people for leadership by adopting policies that will turn them on to the worst things, the things that have devastated this society. I don't go to affairs that the Senators are invited to because I don't like to be around people who drink and try to take liberties and then blame it on alcohol. I also find it difficult to understand how those who come here every morning insisting on praying and saying that those things have value will then turn around and say that those things that are going to destroy the youth that have gone a long way toward demoralizing this country are so valuable and are such a symbol of maturity that the use of it should be made available to these very young people. I am trying to be as objective this morning as I possibly can but I, Senator Koch, also have seen not only old people stumbling around but very young people. I live in a ghetto and I have lived there all my life. It is not a ghetto because black people live there but it is a ghetto because very poor people live there. It is where I choose to live. It is where I will live the rest of my life. It is where I was born. It is where most of my friends live. It is where most of the young black people will pass through and when I see a society which unleashes on these youngsters, not only drugs like alcohol but the type we call dope, the marijuana, the heroin, the uppers, the downers and all the rest of it, then I can see why the totalitarian countries, those that are called communist, the Eastern block nations will look at this as a decadent society, one which encourages the destruction of its youth and will fight tooth and nail to give to its youth those things that are going to demoralize and destroy them. Nobody can tell me that drinking alcohol makes a person's mind clearer. Nobody can tell me that on the floor of this Legislature we engage in high sounding, high level, highly intelligent debate if everybody is tipsy. One of the standard jokes around Congress is that bottles, that liquor goes into the committee rooms and demijohns and comes out in demagogues. Now those are bad things to have said about the leaders of the society. Doctors drink, the lawyers drink, the preachers drink, politicians drink, the coaches drink,

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