

the great social experiment. That social experiment we know now is the eighteenth amendment or as prohibition. Now I personally do not know from personal experience much about prohibition and there are probably very few in this room today who can testify to those days with all and very clear knowledge but what we found out during this experiment, which we presently know as prohibition, was that there is no way in which a society as free as ours, a society that prides itself on individual liberty, that has an economic system based on what we call free enterprise, can, in fact, prevent by social or legal action, can prevent individuals from using certain drugs or alcohol or other kinds of activities. The experience has been very clearly with prohibition, that it does not work. People did not respond. The law enforcement officials turned their heads. What the great experiment did provide for us, however, was an opportunity to strengthen those illegal elements in our society, those who would benefit by providing a service, that service being alcohol when it was illegal for the society and they sold it to willing buyers. These elements as we know it today is organized crime. What prohibition did for us is very simply, provided them with an opportunity to make large sums of money, giving to the public what they wanted even though it was illegal. In a small way that is what this bill does today. It says that we will make drinking between nineteen and twenty year olds illegal and what that, in fact, does is says, not that they will not drink since alcohol is very plentiful in our society, but only that it will be illegal and that they will be criminals if they do get caught drinking. So what we do is we encourage the law enforcement officers to do as they did during prohibition and that is to turn their head or to say I will let you go this time but I might tell your parents or to say, well you know, I was young once myself and for that reason I am not going to prosecute. The situation is very simple. You cannot enforce certain social actions by law. This amendment recognizes that. It says let's recognize exactly who is able to enforce social actions. It says the parents. It says the community. It says society but not law enforcement officers.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR NEWELL: Parents are the ones that have to teach their children how to use and not abuse and when to use alcohol. This amendment would have allowed parents to