

kind of thing but you all know your children better than I do and I feel I know what is good for our children who are parts of an oppressed minority, who have our self-respect, our feeling of worth constantly whipped out of us if we will submit to it whether on the floor of this Legislature or in a classroom. So I don't want alcohol and dope given to my children but if you want it for yours you know what you want your children to grow up to be. So if there is some way we could limit it to your children perhaps I would vote for this bill but I don't want it for mine and I don't want it for other black children in the ghetto. I know that when people are under a very terrible set of circumstances where nothing around you gives you a feeling of hope, where there is no reason to believe that you have any say so in your destiny, you will quickly turn to something that will allow you to forget this and blot it out and alcohol and the other dopes are the things that are utilized and they are destroying ghettos like the one I live in all over this country and they are destroying black people's future. These are serious issues to me and I am not just talking about somebody going to one of these silly little parties whether it is at a fraternity house or the American Legion or wherever else and people want to get liquored up and act like jackasses. If they want to do it there is no way to stop them after they are a certain age but I am looking on this bill as I do on other bills as to what it is going to do to those who are dear to me. I have only one vote in this Legislature but while I am in this Legislature I represent a part of the state apparatus and if the state is going to take a position on various issues I am going to vote to put it on the side of the issue that I think is uplifting and enlightening and there is no way that I could go to a young person and say I advise you to drink, I advocate drinking for you and my children do not allow me to break my life up into compartments where I can be one thing at home and something else here. They judge me according to a consistent principle and there is no way I can tell them one thing and do something different here. But what I am suggesting in this amendment is that those of you who have said various things on this floor can demonstrate whether you really mean it or not. If it can be demonstrated as Senator Kelly has indicated with evidence that he quoted, that a young body absorbs alcohol more quickly than an older body for whatever reason, he mentioned the muscle to bones and fat ratio, and that doesn't sway the Legislature. What is wrong with having a ten year old drunkard? They have got them anyway. If you don't want to make it