

Senator DeCamp, I understand his position. He was in my position at one time, absolutely opposed and for the record for those who listened to this debate the last time, it seems as though there were a lot of people listening to this debate, I do not represent an industry. I represent a philosophic point of view, and I submit to you that history, if you believe in history, and history is a rather accurate recording of man's achievements and man's failures, that every time we have tried to deal with the subject of temperance we have never been successful...never. We tried to outlaw it, and you all know when we did that. But that did not solve the problem. They went underground...the adults, everyone else.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have a minute left.

SENATOR KOCH: Now what we are going to do is we are going to say to young adults, those of us who have reached the age of maturity can handle this substance, but others of you who are under a certain age are not mature enough to handle it, and as I have said before and I will say it again, what the young people of this state need is better models. What they need is better parents. What they need are positive programs of education, but yet every time we in this body try to bring in a good program in every high school on health education, immediately everyone thinks what is going to be involved is sex. They don't understand what health education is all about. I have been through the battle, and what the young people of this state need is a positive program of education in terms of those kinds of things which may indeed abuse their health, their mind and their body.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Time is up.

SENATOR KOCH: That is the only way that you are going to solve this problem. You are not going to do it by substituting some magic number. Twenty is the one we are talking about today. I submit to you there is seldom any difference between 19, 20 or 21 in terms of a person's life. It is a matter of maturity, a matter of how they respect themselves and of self-concept. That is the issue, but we don't talk about that very often. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell. Senator Newell, Senator Lamb, Senator Schmit, Senator Kremer, Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President...