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hypocrisy. That is a contradiction of the whole thrust of this exercise in nonsense, Senator Hefner. How can you support it? Senator Venditte, do you support that amendment? Senator Venditte supports the amendment. Senator Venditte is against the young people seeing head shops because it tells them drugs are all right but he is not against letting the newspapers advertise it. I can't understand it except that people are so anxious to have a political issue to trot back home with and hold it out in front of the folks and say I am fighting drugs, I am fighting drugs, that they will do anything. This piece of trash came from the U. S. Justice Department and it is at the behest of President Carter, you all's President, so that he can tell the world he is fighting drugs without spending a nickel of federal money, not making the federal government looking foolish and ridiculous but the state legislatures. I heard something on the radio that seemed to me to imply that an ordinance like this that was just passed may have been enjoined already, a local one, in your state. Now we are going to have a situation where the federal government tells you you are fighting drugs. If this is the instrumentality for fighting the drug problem, why don't they make it a federal law violation to ship this material in interstate commerce. Because they know it is stupid, they know it is ridiculous, and as somebody handed out this paper quoting Mark Twain, "To practice, God made a fool, then he made a Legislature and improved on himself." People don't have respect for legislatures. They expect any kind of nonsense and silliness to come out of the legislature and this amendment underlines and demonstrates it more clearly than anything else. I oppose the amendment and I think it is hypocritical for Senator Venditte and these others who say that they don't want the head shops because it tells the youth that it is all right but they are in favor of letting newspapers make money by running advertisements of the same kind of products.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. Speaker, I call for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I see the five, yes, barely. All of those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote. Motion is carried. Debate is ceased. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, just in closing, this isn't a big deal but to you it may be. By doing this, we allow the news media, nobody advertises now. It is unlikely they will. Of course, as the bill passes, they wouldn't.

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