

a question. Senator Hoagland, is there anything in the law which exists now which requires a court to treat a person 17 years old as a juvenile when he or she has violated a criminal statute?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Chambers, you're right. Occasionally juveniles are treated as adults.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Thank you.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: In murder cases, aggravated assault cases...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: ...but not in drug cases, Senator Chambers. They're not treated as adults in drug cases.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, then let me ask you this then, let's do it. In every drug case somebody 17 years old will go through juvenile court. Is that what you are saying?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I can tell you that a first offender...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no, just answer. You're taking up all of my time and you're filibustering me. Either they all go or they don't. Do all persons 17 years old in drug cases go through juvenile court?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Chambers, you're not being fair. You've got to let me answer your question the whole way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Never mind, I'll just make my comments then. Members of the Legislature, I will tell you what Senator Hoagland won't and I don't know why he won't answer the question if we're trying to get at the issues. He has tried to mislead you into thinking these 17 year olds are going to juvenile court. He is the one who raised that issue, didn't he, in saying why you should treat the student the same as the manufacturer. I am telling you they don't. I'm being unequivocal. He cannot answer the question because if he answers it truthfully he would have to tell you all 17 year olds are not going to be handled in juvenile court and it is up to the court to make that determination. Senator Nichol can tell you that, any lawyer, any student in law school can tell you that. So we have a situation where