

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I spent considerable time, a few days ago, expressing my objections to this bill. The introducer, the primary introducer, Senator Hoagland, and other people spoke very favorably about this bill. They cited different groups and individuals who are in support of it. I would like to ask Senator Hoagland a question before I go forward.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Will you respond, please?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, I will, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hoagland, did some individual representing a group of pharmacists speak in favor of this bill as drafted?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: A group of who?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Pharmacists.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they like it the way that it is even with kids and manufacturers treated the same way or wasn't that a matter that concerned them?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: No, they were strongly in support of the bill, Bob Marshall and the Pharmaceutical Association strongly in support of the bill, Senator Chambers, as written.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you have every reason to believe, I am asking you for your opinion now, not to speak for them, but your opinion, you have every reason to believe that they read this bill and they understand what is in it?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that they supported it as it is written?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: That is my understanding.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Hoagland, do you still support this bill as it is written?