

by offering legislation that would cost the federal government no money, but it sounded good to those who will not analyze it. But if you talk about protecting our children everywhere, that's going to cost money.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers, for opening on that amendment. I would like to introduce guests under the south balcony. Dr. Thavajchai from Thailand and Dr. Monte Reimbers of Smith, Kline, Beecham, two veterinarians who are here in the Legislature visiting today. Would you please rise and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for joining us today. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. And I wanted to elaborate just a little bit more on the point I was trying to get across, to show that a number of us, who oppose the way 627 was drafted, have concerns about the issues that it pretended to address. I do become irritated at the silliness of the people who bring these kinds of amendments, or 627 as it was originally drafted. Some of those proposals are of such substance that there is no way they should all be lumped together in one bill, no way should that ever be attempted. And no wise legislator would do it, but a headline-hustling Attorney General will do it, because he knows that bill is not going to pass. He knows that I'm in the Legislature, and he knows that if everybody else would roll over and let it happen, I won't. So that's the devoirs he pays to me, maybe reluctantly and unwillingly, but he does. And I will continue to try to stop that numskull, knuckleheaded legislation. You ought to ask yourself, are you trying to protect children, if not, what other reason do you have for this drug free school zone? And if children are the issue, why do you say it's that kind of crime only if it happens in the school zone? Will you do that with sexual assault on a child? Will you say that if a child is sexually assaulted in the home then we're going to doubly punish that, but if the parent takes the child out to the park and sexually assaults the child it's different because of the location? I thought it was the act which is inappropriate that is being perpetrated against the child that we were concerned about, not where it occurs. But maybe I have established a high standard of concern for children and just assumed that my colleagues shared that standard. I'd like to ask Senator Bromm a question, if I may.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bromm, would you respond, please.