

1 would agree, but for political gain or, you know,
2 people who have different moral values.

3 The two issues that it seems to me are
4 safety and effectiveness. I've been here since the
5 hearing started. I believe we've heard from three
6 different physicians. Every one of them said in
7 some manner or way it is effective. So I feel that
8 right there we have dealt with, is it effective?

9 As for safety, I'm guessing that the
10 members of the pharmacy board are indeed
11 pharmacists. Oh. Oh.

12 BOARD MEMBER WHITWORTH: No, no.

13 DAVID KING: My bad.

14 BOARD MEMBER WHITWORTH: Actually, the
15 Board of Pharmacy is composed of five pharmacists
16 and two public members.

17 DAVID KING: Okay.

18 BOARD MEMBER WHITWORTH: I am one of
19 the public members, so your specific pharmacy
20 questions probably are wasted on me.

21 DAVID KING: I am also not a
22 pharmacist nor a scientist nor a doctor. I can
23 read. And I like to read.

24 And I know that statistically more
25 people in America die every year from prescription

(Short recess.)

1 LLOYD JESSEN: We're going to go ahead
2 and get started again. It's now about 2:20. And
3 we'd like to just for the sake of reminding new
4 people who may have joined us, this hearing is not
5 an opportunity for debate. We're not here to
6 debate with our presenters. We're here to receive
7 the information they've come to give to us.

8 And we're also here only to talk about
9 the medical use of marijuana and not about the
10 legalization of marijuana for nonmedicinal
11 purposes.

12 Do we have a Matt Johnson here who
13 would like to speak? Okay. Then we're ready for
14 Speaker No. 10.

15 CAROL DePROSSSE: I pass. Speaker
16 No. 11.

17 LLOYD JESSEN: All right. Then we're
18 ready for Speaker No. 11.

19 CAROLINE DIETERLE: Where do I go?

20 LLOYD JESSEN: If you could go up
21 front, please, and there's a microphone and if you
22 could state your name and address.

23 CAROLINE DIETERLE: For the recorder?

24 BOARD MEMBER WHITWORTH: Yes, so the
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1 drug overdoses than all illegal drugs combined. So
2 right there -- right there we have addressed the
3 safety issue. It's obviously safer than substances
4 that physicians feel do have a place in medicine,
5 you know, like the -- the opiates, the morphine,
6 or -- or what have you.

7 But just the fact that someone else
8 mentioned alcohol. Alcohol is a drug. I'm not
9 aware that alcohol has any legitimate medical
10 benefit. I could be wrong. Once again, I'm not a
11 doctor. But yet we do allow adults in a controlled
12 manner access to alcohol.

13 I'm not even talking about that for
14 recreation. I'm talking about let the scientists,
15 the doctors, look at the actual scientific data for
16 effectiveness and safety, and that should be the
17 only thing that we're discussing. Is it effective
18 and is it safe?

19 And that's all I have to say. Thank
20 you.

21 LLOYD JESSEN: Thank you. Matt
22 Johnson? Do we have a Speaker No. 7 or No. 10?
23 Okay. We will take a break now. It's almost
24 2 o'clock. We don't have another speaker scheduled
25 until 2:30. Why don't we come back in 15 minutes.

1 reporter can get down your remarks.

2 CAROLINE DIETERLE: My name is
3 Caroline Dieterle. I'm nearly 72. My academic
4 background is in botany. I have degrees from the
5 University of Michigan and University of California
6 at Berkeley.

7 And when I hear and read in the paper
8 about -- about the effects of marijuana, some of
9 them conducted by the University of Iowa Hospitals
10 and Clinics, I'm always irritated that they're
11 focusing on the question of whether it causes
12 memory loss. To me this is like objecting or
13 studying aspirin because you object to the fact
14 that it relieves pain.

15 One of the benefits of marijuana that
16 I experienced personally was the ability to make
17 you forget. In 1978 I was subjected to an
18 exceedingly trying personal trauma that left me
19 depressed, anxitous, suicidal partly, and this was
20 a serious situation because I had three small
21 children and was faced with needing to support
22 them.

23 And thanks to marijuana, I was able to
24 keep my job, care for my children, and bring them
25 up properly. Talking about this problem in my life

1 is still difficult for me, but marijuana has made
2 me remain a functional citizen in this society,
3 paying my taxes, doing my duties. When I used it,
4 it kept me in a functional state. I think there
5 are a lot of people for whom this is true.

6 And I wish that the people who
7 investigate marijuana would look at the benefits of
8 forgetting as well as the possible problems it
9 causes.

10 This was brought into very sharp focus
11 by the chapter in the book by Michael Pollan, The
12 Botany of Desire. I have copied a few pages from
13 that and am going to hand that in as part of my
14 testimony because this power of forgetting that it
15 induces allows you to forget your pain and focus on
16 the moment so that you can eat, sleep, care for
17 your children, cook their meals, go to work, and do
18 those things and not focus on your difficulties.

19 Another thing that I would like to
20 hand in is copies of the pages from the Physician's
21 Desk Reference of Herbal Remedies because this is
22 published in 1998, and there are many categories
23 that are listed in this reference that list
24 marijuana as a therapeutic agent.

25 Now, they do go on to say that not all

1 of these have been proven by scientific studies. I
2 don't know how much scientific work has gone into
3 focusing on how well mint satisfies or takes care
4 of stomach problems or how well camomile induces
5 sleep. There are many plants that have effects of
6 one kind or another that nobody has taken any time
7 to investigate. I mean there are so many plants,
8 and you can only do so many studies. Gardeners
9 know that lettuce is inducing sleep, but you don't
10 have any of the studies out there that I know of
11 showing that.

12 So the fact that people have used
13 these for centuries, have used these plants that
14 the guide reference for herbals mentioned for

15 centuries doesn't weigh anything in the minds of
16 many people, but for the people who have used these
17 plants successfully, they are viewed as very useful
18 and, in fact, savior plants.

19 You know, unlike mint, camomile, or
20 echinacea, cannabis has been stigmatized by such
21 propaganda tactics as Reefer Madness and Marco
22 Polo's Story of the Assassins. But those who have
23 benefited from it can identify with Galileo who had
24 to recant his testimony in front of his Spanish
25 inquisition about the studies of the nature of the

1 universe but who turned away, and knowing in his
2 heart that he was right, he said "And yet -- and
3 yet, that is the way it is."

4 And I think that people who use
5 marijuana successfully would agree with me that the
6 proof is in the pudding, and we have eaten it, and
7 please don't make us do this illegally.

8 Thank you very much.

9 LLOYD JESSEN: Thank you.

10 DEBBIE JORGENSON: Anthony Harden.

11 LLOYD JESSEN: Okay. Anthony Harden.

12 Is he here?

13 ANTHONY HARDEN: Yes. I'm right here.

14 LLOYD JESSEN: Thank you.

15 ANTHONY HARDEN: Good afternoon,
16 everyone. My name is Anthony Harden. I was born
17 with cystic fibrosis, a genetic lung disease which
18 also causes mild absorption of fats. I've got some
19 pancreatic deficiencies, and I've got CF bone
20 disease which my body doesn't process calcium
21 correctly at times.

22 I was prescribed marijuana in 2006 by
23 my doctor, Douglas Hornick, at the University of
24 Iowa. He's an adult pulmonologist. At that time
25 my lung capacity was probably about 35, 40 percent,

1 and I was starting to have arresting heart rate of
2 over 100 beats per minute. My body was using lots
3 and lots of calories, and as part of my diet and my
4 malabsorption of the foods I would intake, fats, et
5 cetera, Dr. Hornick prescribed me with a drug. I
6 believe it was called Megace, and I had to take it
7 in the form of syringes and inject it into my
8 mouth, and I'd do about five to six syringes per
9 morning and afternoon, and it was just not a very
10 good taste, and it didn't -- it didn't produce the
11 appetite stimulation that we were looking for.

12 I had had some previous experience
13 with marijuana, and at that time I addressed with
14 him the possibility of being prescribed Marinol or
15 dronabinol, I think, is the generic term, which is
16 what I take now, ten milligrams twice a day, and I
17 was required to take up to 6,000 calories per day,
18 which was impossible for me to do. The struggle to
19 breathe alone was enough.

20 As my disease progressed, I gradually
21 dropped my lung capacity from 30 percent down to
22 20 percent. I was lung transplanted in St. Louis
23 at Barnes Jewish Hospital on January 30 of 2008.
24 And since that time, my lungs have been -- it's a
25 whole new world, I should say, as far as my

1 breathing goes.

2 My marijuana use -- well, it hasn't
3 subsided. I still do use marijuana as opposed to
4 using the dronabinol. I find the effects of the
5 dronabinol for appetite stimulation to be somewhat
6 inconsistent at times, and for my bones that I have
7 the aches from the CF bone disease, I use the
8 marijuana to help instead of taking narcotics like
9 codeine, Hydrocodone, Percocet. I can stand here
10 and name them all off. I've had quite a few since
11 my lung transplant.

12 And since that time, after my
13 transplant, I also had an acute rejection of the
14 lungs, which required a large dose of a drug called
15 Rituxan followed by one year of monthly IVIG
16 treatments. The IVIG treatments would -- would
17 cause headaches, fatigue, muscle soreness, lack of
18 appetite, and during that time I would use
19 marijuana in an eaten form, not smoked, to help
20 with the headaches, the fatigue, the muscle
21 soreness, and to stimulate my appetite.

22 It has been one of the most beneficial
23 plant blessings I think I could have come upon for
24 my transplant and post-transplant. Its effects
25 have -- have helped me to maintain a healthy weight

1 and strength and a positive attitude going into a
2 lung transplant with a terminal illness without any
3 use of any kind of antidepressant whatsoever.

4 And for me, it has just been -- it's
5 been a gift. And I think it's been a gift to all
6 of us we've just happened to pass over for -- since
7 the '30s, and I really hope to have your
8 consideration for its benefits and its use amongst
9 a wide variety of ailments and problems because for
10 me, it's -- it's kept me here.

11 It's given me new life, and it's
12 helped me move in a direction forward where I can
13 be a productive member of society still and
14 continue to stay healthy and strive for the
15 betterment of all of us.

16 I thank you for your time today, and I
17 hope that soon we may sow the seeds of medicine and
18 health.

19 LLOYD JESSEN: Thank you. Do we have
20 a Dr. Bradford Stiles yet? All right. Do we have
21 a Speaker No. 12? Is Ann Du Bois here? Ann, would
22 you like to speak early?

23 ANN DU BOIS: Sure.

24 LLOYD JESSEN: All right.

25 ANN DU BOIS: Good afternoon,

1 everyone. My name is Ann Du Bois, and I live in
2 Fairfield.

3 I want to correct a previous statement
4 at the Des Moines hearing. I misspoke when I
5 referred to a study published in Prevention
6 Research Journal. What I meant to say was the
7 journal Cancer Prevention Research in reference to
8 a July 2009 study of cannabis cancer prevention.

9 Okay. Before I begin, I have a quick
10 question, maybe by showing of the hands, seriously.
11 This is for the board and staff and the audience.
12 Who has read or been made to read George Orwell's
13 1984 book? Anybody? George Orwell was really Eric
14 Blair who lived in England and India from 1903 to
15 1950 and wrote what he meant to be a satirical
16 novel, 1984.

17 One more question for everybody. Have
18 you read Jack Herer's The Emperor Wears No Clothes?

19 ROBERT MANKE: Pieces of it.

20 ANN DU BOIS: Staff? I recommend it.
21 It is rewarding reading, and it could inform your
22 opinion very much.

23 Okay. Back to Orwell. At Buckingham
24 Palace, March 2009, Felipe Calderon was presented
25 with a first edition of George Orwell's

1 nightmare-ish book which tells of the totalitarian
2 regime and coined the concept Big Brother by the
3 queen herself.

4 In Mexico this August when sixth
5 graders returned to their classrooms, many were
6 stunned to discover that nearly 30 pages had
7 disappeared from their history textbooks. The
8 missing pages discuss the European Conquest of
9 Mexico and three centuries of colonial rule, the
10 conquest of an estimated 25 million indigenous
11 people, the cruel indignities the indigenas
12 suffered under the Spanish yoke. This further
13 depreciates the role of Mexico's Indians and flies
14 in the face of the country's traditional
15 anti-colonial trajectory.

16 What's my point? The 1984 party
17 slogan, who controls the past controls the future.
18 Who controls the present controls the past. Today
19 the 5,000-year medical history of cannabis has
20 almost been forgotten.

21 In the United States because of the
22 Marihuana Tax Act of 1937, it was removed from the
23 pharmacopeia. Now it is confined to Schedule I
24 under the Controlled Substances Act as a drug that
25 has a high potential for abuse, lacks an accepted

1 medical use, and is unsafe for medical use under
2 medical supervision.

3 What does this have to do with why we
4 are all here today? Because way back in April,
5 Judge Novak's ruling states "The board must
6 determine whether the evidence presented by the
7 petitioner, meaning Carl Olsen, is sufficient to
8 support a finding that marijuana has accepted
9 medical use in the United States and does not lack
10 accepted safety for use in treatment under medical
11 supervision."

12 Instead of acting as mandated by Iowa
13 state code, instead of being in compliance with the
14 Controlled Substance Act, and while acting in
15 contempt of court orders, the board scheduled these
16 meetings.

17 I hold you in contempt. If I thought
18 I could get away with a citizen's arrest, I would
19 have brought the duct tape. When you accepted your
20 appointment, you accepted the responsibility to
21 make an independent determination on state
22 scheduling, to act for the health and the best
23 interest of the good of the people of Iowa. Not as
24 politicians, as scientists. Science should be in
25 the hands of scientists, not political ideologues.

1 I saw a video of the board's meeting
2 in response to Carl's success. What I witnessed
3 was Orwellian. Board member complaints ranged
4 from, and I quote, "a lack of science and any
5 up-to-date more recent information" to "having a
6 very difficult time saying there was any type of
7 scientific evidence-based type of evidence given
8 that day" to "I don't have anything else to add,
9 but I didn't see any what I would call
10 scientific-based evidence" to a bizarre playing of
11 the "Well, if all your friends jumped off the
12 bridge, does that mean you should jump off the
13 bridge?" card.

14 To quote George, "All political
15 thinking for years past has been vitiated in the
16 same way. People can foresee the future only when
17 it coincides with their own wishes, and the most
18 grossly obvious facts can be ignored when they are
19 unwelcome. Political language is designed to make
20 lies sound truthful and murder respectable and to
21 give an appearance of solidity to pure wind."

22 Between 1840 and 1900, European and
23 American medical journals published more than
24 100 articles on the therapeutic use of cannabis
25 indica. The Indian Hemp Paper -- I'm sorry. The

1 Indian Hemp Drugs Commission Report from 1894, an
2 exhaustive seven-volume, 3,281-page report that
3 concludes "Moderate cannabis use produces
4 practically no ill effects."

5 The Panama Canal Military Study from
6 1916 to 1929 concluded "There is no evidence that
7 marijuana is habit-forming." So it can be said
8 that the 100 years between 1837 and 1937 were truly
9 the Golden Age of Medical Cannabis.

10 President Franklin Roosevelt, a 33rd
11 degree Freemason and one of the greatest
12 illuminists who ever lived once uttered a statement
13 that is shockingly bold. He said "If something
14 happened, you can bet it was planned."

15 When the Federal Bureau of Narcotics
16 was formed in 1932, Harry Anslinger was appointed
17 its head. Treasury agents were beginning to
18 operate on their own agendas. Deep in the throes
19 of the Depression, Congress began to re-examine all
20 federal agencies. Anslinger began to fear that his
21 department was in danger of emasculation.

22 Although worldwide, hemp was still a
23 huge business, in 1935 the treasury department
24 began secretly drafting a bill called the Marihuana
25 Tax Act. The treasury department's general

1 counsel, Herman Oliphant, was put in charge of
2 writing something that could get past both Congress
3 and court disguised as a tax revenue bill.

4 So in 1937 Anslinger went before a
5 poorly attended committee hearing and called for a
6 total ban on marijuana. He stated under oath "This
7 drug is entirely the monster Hyde, the harmful
8 effects of which cannot be measured."

9 Bureaucrats planned a hearing to avoid
10 discussion of the full House and presented the
11 measure in the guise of a tax revenue bill brought
12 to the six-member House Ways and Means Committee.
13 This bypassed the House without further hearing and
14 passed it over to the Senate finance committee

15 where it was rubber-stamped into law. Once on the
16 books, Anslinger would administer the licensing
17 process to make sure that no more commercial hemp
18 was ever grown in the United States.

19 At the last minute, a few pro-hemp
20 witnesses showed up. Dr. William C. Woodward, also
21 legal counsel for the American Medical Association,
22 spoke in defense of cannabis medicine and in
23 protest of the way the bill was handled.

24 Asked point-blank if he thought
25 federal legislation was necessary, he replied "I do

1 not. It is not medical addiction that is
2 involved." Woodward went on to criticize the way
3 the word marijuana had been used deliberately to
4 confuse both the medical and industrial hemp
5 communities.

6 "In all you have heard here thus far,
7 no mention has been made of any excess use of the
8 drug or its excessive distribution by any
9 pharmacist, and yet the burden -- and yet the
10 burden of this bill is placed heavily on the
11 doctors and pharmacists of this country, and may I
12 say very heavily, most heavily possibly of all, on
13 the farmers of this country.

14 "We cannot understand yet why this
15 bill should have been prepared in secret for two
16 years without any initiative, even to the
17 profession, that it was being prepared. No medical
18 man would identify this bill with a medicine until
19 he read through it because marijuana is not a drug,
20 simply a name given to cannabis."

21 A few days later Representative Fred
22 Vinson of Kentucky was asked to summarize the AMA's
23 position. He lied. He lied to the effect the
24 medical group -- he lied to the effect the medical
25 group's legislative counsel, Woodward, "Not only

1 gave this measure full support but also the
2 approval from the AMA."

3 The act passed without a role call.
4 Passage of the act put all hemp industries firmly
5 under the control of very special interests that
6 benefited most from its repression over the years,
7 prohibition police and bureaucrats working in
8 collusion with petrochemical companies, timber
9 companies, alcohol, drug industries, the
10 pharmaceutical drug companies, and today, the urine
11 testing, property seizure, police, and prison
12 industries.

13 Congress banned hemp because it was
14 said to be the most violence-causing drug known.
15 In September 1937 hemp became illegal. The most
16 useful crop known became a drug, and our planet has
17 suffered ever since.

18 New York City Mayor Fiorello La
19 Guardia who in response to the 1937 federal ban on
20 pot requested a report from the New York Academy of
21 Medicine which concluded marijuana was not
22 medically addictive, not under the control of a
23 single organized group, did not lead to hard drugs,
24 and was not the determining factor in the
25 commission of major crimes and that publicity

1 concerning the catastrophic effects of marijuana
2 smoking in New York was unfounded.

3 18th century German philosopher Georg
4 Friedrich Hegel long ago developed, among other
5 things, what he called a principle of thesis,
6 antithesis, synthesis to explain the process of
7 deliberately enacting social disorder and change as
8 a road to power. To achieve a desired result, one
9 deliberately creates a situation, the thesis,
10 devises a solution to the problem created by that
11 situation, antithesis, with a final result being
12 the ultimate goal of more power and control.

13 The U.S. government in its so-called
14 War on Drugs made this process a keystone of their
15 drive for total control of all individual actions
16 that in their view were not, in Mussolini's terms,
17 inside the state and thus controllable by the same.

18 The War on Drugs is merely a horrible
19 extension and intensification of these
20 tried-and-true Hegelian methods, a war in which we
21 all lose.

22 Quoting from A Trojan Horse:
23 Anti-Communism and the War on Drugs by Bruce
24 Bullington and Alan Block, administration of
25 justice, their abstract, "This work argues the U.S.

1 War on Drugs is a misnomer. We suggest, instead,
2 that it is secondary to traditional anti-Communist
3 foreign policy concerns. Thus, the War on Drugs
4 serves to mask the U.S. counter-intelligence and
5 paramilitary presence abroad."

6 In the '80s top U.S. CIA, to fund the
7 Afghan radicals, the Mujahideen, in their fight
8 against the Soviets decided to generate funds
9 through the poppy-rich Afghan soil and heroin
10 production and smuggling to finance the Afghan war.
11 Senator John Kerry's 1988 U.S. Committee on Foreign
12 Relations report on the contradrug links concluded
13 that members of the U.S. State Department are
14 involved in drug trafficking.

15 In 1996 journalist Gary Webb published
16 reports detailing how Contras had received crack
17 cocaine into Los Angeles to fund weapons purchases.

18 Like a war on terrorism, the War on
19 Drugs is a true war waged by the U.S. Government
20 against its own people.

21 At present the greatest danger in
22 medical use of marijuana is its illegality which
23 imposes much anxiety and expense on suffering
24 people, forces them to bargain with illicit drug
25 dealers, and exposes them to the threat of criminal

1 prosecution.

2 Even Harry Anslinger admitted it

3 wasn't a gateway drug until it was made illegal.

4 Richard Lawrence Miller's Drug Warriors and Their

5 Prey draws detailed comparisons of the War on Drugs

6 in the U.S. today with the events in 1930 Germany

7 that led to Hitler's Third Reich and the attempted

8 destruction of the Jewish people.

9 CAROL DePROSSE: Enough, please.

10 There are other people that want to speak.

11 DEBBIE JORGENSON: You've exceeded

12 your ten minutes.

13 LLOYD JESSEN: Ann, do you need a

14 couple more minutes?

15 DEBBIE JORGENSON: Or can you just

16 provide your statement?

17 ANN DU BOIS: Yeah, I can provide my

18 statement.

19 LLOYD JESSEN: If you need another

20 couple minutes, that's fine.

21 ANN DU BOIS: The world -- I'm going

22 to quote Albert Einstein. The world is a dangerous

23 place to live and not because of the people who are

24 evil but because of the good people who don't do

25 anything about it.

1 Everybody has heard of morphine. Everybody has

2 heard of Oxycodone. This is Fentanyl gas in a pill

3 form. It can kill you so dead, you just wouldn't

4 believe it. You wouldn't believe the warnings

5 that's on this stuff. This bears my name. I have

6 a script for it.

7 This is a bottle of morphine. That's

8 Seroquel. I'm going to tell you, SSRI will kill

9 you so dead and addict you so bad, you just

10 wouldn't believe it. What's this one? Oh, yeah.

11 Here's the Oxycodone. Levothyroxine because I'm a

12 cancer patient. More morphine. That's all I

13 brought with me for now. But I take it all, folks.

14 I get all of it.

15 I spent two months this year visiting

16 my dying mother out in Oregon, and I got an OMMA

17 card, Oregon Marijuana Medical Act card. And I'm

18 telling you that when I take pot out there --

19 okay? -- this isn't an anecdote to me. I don't

20 need this crap. I don't have to have its

21 constipation. I don't have to have its

22 hallucinations. I don't have to wait for it to

23 kick in. I don't have to puke on it. Okay?

24 And when I do really have to have the

25 big hammers, if I'm smoking pot, I need a whole lot

1 Iowa does not have the authority,

2 either the board or the Iowa legislature, to say

3 marijuana does not have accepted medical use in the

4 United States because 12 states -- 13 states say it

5 does have accepted medical use, and federal law

6 gives those states the right to make the

7 determination, and federal law does not have a

8 definition for accepted medical use.

9 Will you stand on the right side of

10 history or stand with the feckless schills of big

11 pharma, big gov, having made whores of your souls?

12 Thank you.

13 DEBBIE JORGENSON: Thank you.

14 (Off-the-record discussion.)

15 LLOYD JESSEN: Do we have a Speaker

16 No. 12? No. 12?

17 ROBERT MANKE: I guess I'm 12. Okay.

18 LLOYD JESSEN: Or No. 13?

19 ROBERT MANKE: I'm 12.

20 DEBBIE JORGENSON: Okay.

21 ROBERT MANKE: So difficult for me to

22 read. I'm not going to have glasses. I'm Robert

23 Manke. I live in Des Moines, and I want to show

24 you something that bears my name.

25 This is a medication called Fentora.

1 less of it. If I would compare pot to any drug

2 that you have that's legal, it's not a direct

3 comparison because the stuff you've got has an LD50

4 that's far worse because marijuana doesn't have a

5 bad LD50. Doesn't exist. Okay? It's like

6 Vistaril. Okay? It's not Vistaril, but if I'm

7 trying to give you an analogy that you can

8 understand, it's like Vistaril. It's an enhancer.

9 If I take morphine or an opiate like the oxycodone,

10 I need way less of it to accomplish the same

11 effect.

12 Let me see if I can back over here and

13 stay on task. I am severely ill because I've been

14 in at least three, maybe four bad traffic

15 accidents. I have six fused vertebrae, two

16 Harrington rods, four blown disks in my cervical

17 spine, and by -- God alone knows how many CTs.

18 I've been diagnosed with multiple TBIs. That's

19 traumatic brain injuries, which I've had portions

20 of my brain jellied in these traffic accidents.

21 Not fun.

22 I have been arrested, probated, fined,

23 had my license yanked. Let's see. What else did

24 they do to me? Oh, yeah. I had a presentence

25 investigation recommend that I go to prison over

1 this. Thanks a whole lot because I want to stop
2 puking.

3 I had three pot plants in my closet.
4 Okay? Who am I threatening with that? Nobody.
5 Not you, not you. Nobody. I'm trying to stop
6 puking. That's what I do a lot of.

7 Compazine and Phenergan do not work as
8 well as cannabis. They're your big hammers. Okay?
9 I'm forced to go out on the street and buy impure
10 pot. This is not a joke. God knows what kind of
11 shit they put on this stuff, but it's bad. Okay?

12 These are the same people that deal
13 coke, methamphetamine, PCP. I've seen it all.
14 I've seen it. Okay? I don't need to be forced to
15 go around these people. I'm furious at this.

16 I want to tell you a little witness
17 about the effect on pain that smoked cannabis has
18 for me. I know what pain is. I can write you a
19 book on it. Okay? I'm filled with burning fire
20 balls right now while I stand in front of you
21 whacked on oxycodone. Okay? Because that's what I
22 am. I'm a junkie. I'm a medical junkie, and I'm
23 mad about it, and I want it stopped.

24 My experience with smoked cannabis out
25 in Oregon is I really cut -- not only cut it back,

1 there were days when I didn't take any of it at
2 all. So don't tell me that it doesn't have medical
3 effect. I'm telling you it does.

4 I want this constipation stopped too.
5 These drugs and other drugs that I take to control
6 hypercholesterolemia cause vicious amounts of
7 constipation. I can't take suppositories to
8 control my nausea. What am I going to take?
9 Compazine? It takes 45 minutes to kick in. You
10 try and have your face hanging in the sink or the
11 stool puking and wait 45 minutes. You can't
12 swallow a pill. You can't shove one where the sun
13 doesn't shine. But if I take pot, in five

14 seconds -- in five seconds it cuts the nausea in
15 half, bam, like that. And I'm not an anecdote.
16 I'm telling you this stuff works. I don't know
17 what kind of scientific studies you need.

18 If I eat pot the night before, it's
19 totally worn off. I can't use oral dosing to
20 protect me in the morning or in the middle of the
21 night. Smoked cannabis works for me. I never see
22 pink elephants on this stuff. I never ever had a
23 drug hangover. I never hallucinate like I have on
24 the morphine. My God, have I hallucinated on
25 morphine. I've had big doses of morphine.

1 I need your help, Board of Pharmacy
2 members. I'm not here to ask you to get me high.
3 You can't get me high on cannabis. I'm a junkie.
4 Okay? I take big opiates. We don't get high on
5 cannabis. Doesn't work like that. I get the big
6 stuff.

7 Yeah, they all have negative side
8 effects. You know, the negative side effects that
9 I get out of cannabis is your fear. Your fear
10 really is a negative side effect. I want to talk
11 about your fear for a minute and why some of it's
12 legitimate and some of it's very illegitimate.

13 All these drug laws that that nice
14 lady that was just ahead of me was speaking about,
15 they don't just feed pension seekers like that
16 swine Harry Anslinger. Okay? They're
17 self-perpetuating, and there are big agencies that
18 make money on this. We of the cannabis community
19 are very aware of this. We have to be. It's
20 crushed into us. We don't get away from it. It's
21 so hard to stay on focus here because my notes
22 aren't the greatest.

23 Yeah. The drug laws were made because
24 we had a lot -- in 1900, for example, by noon your
25 third grade teacher was whacked. There was a big

1 chance of that. We really did have a drug problem.
2 We had a severe alcohol problem. We went through
3 multiple prohibitions. That's plural. Okay? They
4 don't work. We've had to repeal them before, and
5 we need to repeal this one. It doesn't work.

6 What are you going to do to me? You
7 going to put me in jail? The next time the
8 presentence investigation isn't going to just say
9 "We need to put him in prison for five years."
10 They're going to hang what's commonly known as
11 little bitch on me. That's a 15-piece chicken
12 dinner for my family to eat, folks. This ain't a
13 joke to me. I'm not laughing. I don't think this
14 is funny. I need your help. I'm serious.

15 I am disgusted and armed with fiery
16 pain and puking by rabid haters who are totally
17 unscientific pension seekers in our government. I
18 want Iowa medical laws that protect me from such
19 unscientific self-servers. They're not helping
20 your state.

21 I want to tell you a little story
22 about pharmacy in my family. In 1965 I was about
23 12 years old, and my grandmother had me out in her
24 farm yard, and my grandmother is dead now, God
25 bless her. In her life I never saw her drink

1 alcohol, never saw her touch pot, never heard her
2 swear. Okay? She had me out in the front yard
3 teaching me herbology for real.

4 When she was a young mother, like in
5 1900, Penicillin was 45 years away from being
6 invented -- 40 years away from being invented.
7 Doctors around there would kill you easier than
8 just letting whatever it was chew you up. They had
9 no idea what bacteria were. Okay? She was the
10 Board of Pharmacy.

11 She told me stories about how one of
12 her kids, my uncle, dropped out of a tree and did
13 what I suspect is split one of his kidneys and die
14 in her arms screaming at her to rub his legs.
15 Okay? To her herbology was real, and she taught me
16 about this in her yard, and she showed me the
17 thistles and the milkseeds, and she really liked
18 the dandelions, and growing up against the side of
19 the house, folks, guess what it was? A piece of
20 Iowa. It was indigenous cannabis.

21 And she pointed out that plant to me,
22 and she said, and I remember this well, "That's for
23 women troubles, migraines, and the pukes. You make
24 a tea out of it."

25 Indigenous cannabis is more Iowan than

1 cancer, and how many times have I heard my mom, my
2 wife, everybody tell me before I was diagnosed "You
3 can't be sick that often. You're a fake. You just
4 don't want to work. You're lazy. You're this." I
5 was dying of cancer right in front of them. They
6 didn't know it. Okay?

7 The first time I was blood-tested by
8 the surgeon, I was 295 times normal TSH values. I
9 was really sick, folks. When you can't metabolize
10 oxygen, you're lazy. Okay?

11 If anyone can demonstrate reduced
12 immune function, it would be me. Pot doesn't hurt
13 my immune function. Doesn't hurt my lungs. Okay?
14 It doesn't cause me to catch bronchitis or
15 pneumonia any differently when I smoke pot and when
16 I do not smoke it. HIV patients are also examples.

17 I urge you to stop fault-finding.
18 It's not science. It's fake science, and it's
19 going to produce politically warped science. Don't
20 fault-find us. Listen to us. Almost there, folks.

21 I have just one other thing to
22 mention. I have an active OMMA card, and I'm here.
23 Why am I here? Because I love Iowa. I'm an Iowan.
24 My people live here. I was born here. Don't make
25 me leave because I don't want to be sick.

1 anybody in this room. It's been around for
2 thousands of centuries. Everybody here that's come
3 up and witnessed you that it doesn't hurt you is
4 right. Indigenous cannabis is a part of our
5 state's life. It evolved as a piece of Iowa. It's
6 us, folks. It's why you have CBD receptors in your
7 brains. Human beings have been eating and smoking
8 cannabis for centuries and millennia as pregnant
9 mommies eating it. It doesn't hurt little kids.
10 I'm sorry. I hope that doesn't offend you, but if
11 you think it does hurt mommies, you need to get
12 educated. It doesn't do a bad deal on Apgar scores
13 at all. You need to get with it and find out.
14 That's on your responsibility.

15 We need to get rid of laws that send
16 the wrong messages to kids too because I'm not
17 going to stop using pot. I tell everybody I can
18 about how it helps me because I'm sick and that it
19 stops the pain. Can I have another couple minutes,
20 please? I'm almost there. Thank you. I
21 appreciate that.

22 If anyone should demonstrate reduced
23 immune function -- I want to talk about that
24 briefly -- reduced immune function from pot, it
25 should well be exhibited in me. I have thyroid

1 God bless you, Carl Olsen. Thank you
2 for exposing these people to me.

3 LLOYD JESSEN: Do we have a
4 Dr. Bradford Stiles? Dr. Stiles? Thank you.

5 BRADFORD STILES: Hi. How you doing?
6 As I said, I'm Brad Stiles. I have a dental
7 practice here in Iowa City.

8 LLOYD JESSEN: Could you please speak
9 into the microphone?

10 BRADFORD STILES: Okay. Sorry. I'm a
11 dentist here in Iowa City. I've had a dental
12 practice since -- been about 25 years now. And my
13 reason for coming is that I -- I get -- completely
14 different approach than what -- you know, he's

15 actually somebody who's benefiting from the use of
16 cannabis for his illness. Mine was more of a
17 scientific reason when I was looking into some
18 different things once I heard about an article
19 which I made copies of for you guys.

20 Basically I started researching it,
21 and I looked into it, and cannabis is -- many
22 people probably already said it but been around for
23 about 3,000 -- at least 3,000 years, documented as
24 a therapeutic agent for many different reasons. It
25 wasn't until then-President Nixon decided to

1 classify it as a Schedule I narcotic, and the
2 status was given by President Nixon because of
3 No. 1, high potential for abuse; 2, unsafe use even
4 under medical supervision; and 3 was lacking
5 current accepted medical uses.

6 So I wanted to talk about each one of
7 these because I don't think any of them are true.
8 And the first one is the high potential for abuse.

9 Okay? In society we've got to stop looking for
10 different things. We can't make everything
11 illegal. Okay? Everything has potential for
12 abuse. People have a potential to abuse things.
13 That's what it is. It has nothing to do with the
14 substance. I mean or the -- or the thing.

15 I mean look at food. We all need food
16 to live. If you abuse it, you become obese.
17 That's not good. Okay? Cell phones, if I'm broken
18 down in the middle of nowhere or I need to find
19 somebody and I'm lost, they're great. But when
20 people are driving 70 miles an hour, they're
21 terrible. When they're abusing them, they're not
22 any good. Okay?

23 One that probably I don't think
24 anybody in here would argue that computers have
25 really made a big difference in medicine. Okay?

1 Between diagnosis, decoding the human genome, it
2 has a tremendous impact on medicine with research,
3 people being able to collaborate across -- all
4 around the world with computers.

5 However, if any of you have any
6 teenagers or college-age kids, you can see
7 computers can be abused. MySpace is a perfect
8 example. People are on it 24/7. They barely sleep
9 if they're on it. You've got porn on the Internet.
10 Does it mean the computers have a high potential
11 for abuse, so we should make them illegal? I mean
12 that's the same type of reasoning.

13 We're taking something that has
14 potential for good as good medicine, and because
15 there are some people that are going to abuse it,
16 it becomes -- you know, it becomes a Schedule I
17 because of potential for abuse.

18 How come, you know, like cannabis,
19 sure, like any other medication that have sedative
20 hypnotic effects, side effects, they have a
21 potential for abuse by people who abuse things.
22 However, that doesn't mean it shouldn't be used as
23 a therapeutic agent.

24 OxyContin, Demerol, Percocet,
25 Adderall, Ritalin, Valium, just to name a few, all

1 have tremendous abuse potential if you want to look
2 at abuse potential of a medication. They're none
3 of them are Schedule I. So why is cannabis
4 Schedule I? It doesn't make any sense. Okay?

5 The second thing was that there's
6 no -- that it's unsafe for use even by medical
7 supervision -- under medical supervision. That was
8 the second category for putting it in Schedule I in
9 the first place.

10 In -- in this last month, September of
11 '09, Journal of Opioid Management, University of
12 Washington researcher Sunil Aggarwal, something
13 like that, looked at 33 controlled clinical trials
14 that are published from 1971 to 2009 -- and I'm
15 going to be able to give you guys all the
16 references too if you want. And the conclusion was
17 that marijuana is safe, effective medicine for
18 specific medical conditions.

19 In 2008 approximately 7,000 American
20 physicians prescribed medical cannabis to over
21 400,000 patients, and the conclusion is that
22 cannabis is extremely safe with minimal toxicity.

23 The U.S. Government spent billions of
24 dollars in funding research to find evidence to
25 support that cannabis is toxic over the last

1 40 years. No such evidence has been found.

2 The U.S. Government published reports
3 in the 1970s by the Drug Awareness Warning Network,
4 the abbreviation DAWN. Based on their statistical
5 data on drug use and morbidity, there's never been
6 a reported death from cannabis.

7 American Medical Association concluded
8 after reviewing all the available research
9 literature that they -- well, whatever they looked
10 at. I don't know if it was all of it but in the
11 early 1990s, and they said -- their conclusion was
12 that no drug or herb studied has marijuana's safety
13 record and suggested legalization to the

14 then-President George Bush the first. However, he
15 decided to ignore it, again, because of political
16 things, as the last gentleman mentioned.

17 Dr. Steven Sidney published in April
18 of 1999, he looked at the death rate of cannabis
19 users, looked at 65,000 cannabis users and a death
20 rate, and he found no statistically significant
21 association between cannabis and morbidity and
22 concluded that if it doesn't increase the death
23 rate, it can't be very harmful. Okay. So so much
24 for the idea of unsafe for use even under medical
25 supervision. Okay?

1 And then the lacking medical uses.
 2 This is what we got me into it in the first place
 3 was when I read this article because I have a lot
 4 of cancer in my family, and you've heard from a lot
 5 of people, I'm sure, about the therapeutic uses in
 6 chronic pain, in terminal diseases, chemotherapy,
 7 et cetera, but I'm looking at independent studies
 8 that looked at the relationship of cannabis and
 9 head and neck squamous cell carcinoma, and they
 10 found published in the Journal of Cancer Prevention
 11 Research August 2009 -- that's what I have copies
 12 of for you, and I can give you the other ones.

13 These studies came out of Brown
 14 University, Providence University, Boston
 15 University, LSU, and University of Minnesota, so
 16 it's not like one person might be, you know,
 17 gaining something from this. There's a lot of very
 18 astute researchers from all these different
 19 institutions all looked at it, and they looked at
 20 head and neck squamous cell carcinoma rate in
 21 chronic cannabis users, and the conclusion and of
 22 course the study -- that and a number of studies
 23 funded by the U.S. Government were to try to find
 24 that there was a positive link between cannabis and
 25 cancer.

1 And what they actually found was that
 2 moderate use of cannabis significantly reduced --
 3 reduced the incidence of all types of head and neck
 4 cancer as well as other cancers of the respiratory
 5 tract and the GI tract. So not only didn't it
 6 cause it, it reduces it. It has an inverse
 7 relationship. Okay? An inhibitory effect on
 8 cancer cells. Okay?

9 Smoking moderate amounts of cannabis
 10 had significantly reduced the incidence of all the
 11 cancer studies, so they checked a lot of different
 12 types of cancer, and when compared to noncannabis
 13 users, it even had a decrease in cancer of various
 14 types in people that were already in high-risk
 15 categories, so they already drink, and they already
 16 smoked tobacco. So they're already high risk for
 17 cancer.

18 If they also happen to be moderate
 19 cannabis users, their incidence of cancer is
 20 significantly less than somebody who wasn't a
 21 moderate cannabis user. It doesn't make any sense.
 22 Our government is withholding medication that could
 23 be preventing us from getting cancer.

24 Am I saying that everybody should be
 25 smoking pot all the time? No. But I'm saying if

1 you have somebody that has cancer and you've got a
 2 medication that helps them get over their nausea,
 3 helps them with all their other things that they're
 4 dealing with and on top of it it has an anticancer
 5 effect, it doesn't make any sense that it's -- that
 6 it's put in a category where it says that it has no
 7 medical uses. Okay? That doesn't make sense to
 8 me.

9 This -- and I was surprised by that,
 10 reading that, and therefore got the article out,
 11 but I was even probably more surprised or
 12 dumbfounded by the fact that the same study was
 13 done by Donald Tashkin at UCLA in 2006, so this
 14 is -- here I thought I had new evidence for you,
 15 and it's three years old, and this was funded by
 16 the U.S. -- National Institute of Health, and in
 17 their separate study they found the same thing,
 18 that there was reverse relationship with cannabis
 19 use and cancer.

20 So there's a number of different
 21 things. And Dr. Tashkin actually has a mechanism
 22 that he thinks happens because the THC in the
 23 cannabis kills off old and aging cells, and those
 24 cells are the same ones that tend to become
 25 cancerous. So therefore, by killing off the cells,

1 it's the body's way of cleansing -- or the cannabis
 2 is enabling the body to cleanse out cells that
 3 would later become malignant.

4 And that's it, short and sweet. I'll
 5 send the references for all the other ones too.

6 BOARD MEMBER WHITWORTH: Thank you.

7 BRADFORD STILES: Like, couple
 8 thousand.

9 LLOYD JESSEN: Yes. Speaker 13.

10 TERRY MITCHELL: My name is Terry
 11 Mitchell. And I don't know where to start. I've
 12 listened to these other people, and heck, all I've
 13 got is degenerative disk disease in three disks.

14 Has a tendency to not let me stand up
 15 straight and buckle my knees every once in a while
 16 when it stabs me. But when I was smoking a little
 17 bit of cannabis, not getting high, mind you, just
 18 like you'd take a doctor's prescription, three,
 19 four times a day, I smoked two or three hits, put
 20 the thing down, and go on about my business, two or
 21 three four times a day depending on what I was
 22 doing that day, how much I strained my back.

23 I can work. I don't need this thing
 24 (indicating). To -- there's many people out there
 25 that actually need cannabis. The old boy that grew