

<< TESTIMONY ON HB1201, 1420, & ALL MARIJUANA BILLS &
RESOLUTIONS >>

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Good morning Legislators! For the record, my name is Rev. Carel Two-Eagle, and I come before you today in staunch opposition of HB1201, 1420, & all marijuana bills & resolutions.

A former professor from Minot & others testified on HB1420 that marijuana is safe. It is not. Marijuana is anything but safe. The proof is great & of long standing, given below.

As a Pipe Keeper, I am a spiritual guide. People come to me for counseling on many subjects. I have lost count of the number of people who have come to me asking – even begging – for help to get free of the problems marijuana has caused them. As the Presiding Bishop of the Church of the Helping Hand, Inc., I see the same thing, because we of this Church worship by helping others.

I deal in facts, and I am well-known for my thoroughness & attention to detail, so what I tell you here is all verified many times over and over many years of scientific experiments, and you can look these things up on the Internet .

A Dr. Amen has done many TED talks about his work on the effects of marijuana on the human brain. He has more than 83,000 SPECT brain scans in his files! They speak reams about the dangers of this material. All of his files show great damage to the brains of users, *and that none of it can be reversed or prevented*. This is only common sense, too, of course. Interestingly, damage from alcohol does repair.

Marijuana has been amply proven to cause:

Holes to form in the brain. Once they have formed, they cannot be filled in again or removed.

Thickening of the cerebral cortex. The cerebral cortex is where thinking occurs.

Slowing of thinking processes.

Early senility.

Memory loss. In the 1970s there was a spate of air crashes where the engines fell off of airliners. The FAA found that the mechanics involved, who were marijuana users, had forgotten to put the nuts on the bolts that held the engines to the planes!

Genetic changes. These cannot be predicted or controlled, nor can they be reversed.

Loss of ability to determine spatial relationships. Even if this only happened temporarily, think of the damage that can come from this loss. In the 1970s, experiments were done in which jumbo jet pilots who had never used marijuana were persuaded to smoke one government-issue cigarette and then be tested on

flying in a simulator. *72 hours after smoking that one marijuana cigarette, they were still missing the runway by more than the length of a football field.* More than that, the experiments proved that **1/10 of an ounce of THC**, the active part of marijuana, **caused the same impairment as 1 ounce of alcohol.** That means that marijuana is 100 times more destructive than alcohol.

Psychological changes. Again, these cannot be predicted or controlled.
Psychological dependence. I and a man went to Gulfport, LA to clean up after Hurricane Katrina. We were hired by a man who had a tree-trimming business, to look after a property of his so looters and vandals didn't damage it. One day, we came back from our other work to find our camp in shambles and our 35-lb dog – who loved almost everyone he met - hiding in terror under our tool trailer. The man we had been providing security for had come there while we were gone. He never told us why. It turns out he had smoked marijuana daily *before he began his day's work, running chainsaws and such*, and he had run out of marijuana. He had a temper tantrum and tore our camp to shreds! He tried to apologize, but I have **no** patience with dope or its use, and we left. I came within a hair's breadth of beating him for terrorizing the dog. I will never apologize for that. You can be assured I would have hurt him, and I wouldn't apologize for that, either.

Loss of will to eat, to fight back, to survive. It seems to me that if you wanted to destroy a country, legalizing marijuana for "recreation" would be a prime way to do it. Think about that. Who is likely to be behind this push to legalize a material so dangerous to our freedom? Hmm? The US has many enemies, including from within it.

Marijuana causes the brain to atrophy. That is, it causes the brain to shrink. This is easily seen in CT and MRI scans. The areas where the brain has atrophied fill with cerebro-spinal fluid. CSF does many things in the brain. Among them is removal of toxic substances from the brain, such as the ingredients in marijuana & the products of metabolizing it. Those toxic substances then *stay in the brain & cannot be removed.* CSF has no role in thinking; only brain tissue does.

A legislator said in one hearing that since the bill would only make it legal to smoke this trash in the privacy of their own home, was it anyone else's business. Are you planning to boot your children out of the house to play unwatched so you can smoke marijuana and impair yourself? Really? Who will take care of them if something bad happens while you are unable to function? What kind of parenting is that? What kind of example does that set for the children? Everything a parent or grandparent does sets an example to children. I can't imagine how impairing oneself is "fun", let alone a good example.

It is well-known that secondary tobacco smoke is more dangerous than primary smoke. This is true of all smoke. So what are you doing to your children or others, including your pets, if you smoke this "in the privacy of your home"? Smoking anything causes lung damage, by the way, so more damage is done to anyone foolish or unlucky enough to be there while you smoke. That doesn't sound like real friendship to me. It does sound like child and animal abuse, though.

You hear several bills every Session about traumatic brain injury. While TBI is usually caused by impact, the net effect of drugs is TBI. Why would you put considerable amounts of time, consideration, and money into preventing and combating TBI, and then legalize a toxic substance like marijuana, which has the same result in the long run?

Several people, including the prime sponsor of one or more of these bills, have spoken about “jobs” and “millions of dollars”. What about GOOD jobs? And, is there ever enough money to pay for all the collateral damage and misery this material is known to cause?

All of these things I have put down here are facts, not fantasy. There are many safe, natural means of pain control. I have had pain that lifted me off the mattress – I know what I’m talking about. I had fibromyalgia for decades, until I cured it with a combination of natural supplements. I published a book about it – “My Fibromyalgia Miracle – And Maybe Yours Too”. Everyone who has bought it has replied that it has ended their fibromyalgia misery (!).

I have been a Lakota Traditional healer for more than 50 years. Schooling for us never ends.

Safe means include: a mental yoga procedure called “isolation”. One’s consciousness goes away from their body. It is very effective. A person appears to be asleep, when in reality, their consciousness is elsewhere & they can return to ordinary consciousness when they choose to.

There are also a number of supplements that do a great job, acting from the perspective of greatly decreasing whole-body inflammation. They create, promote, & preserve good health. They do not diminish it. These include magnesium malate & magnesium citrate, either one taken with aspirin (preferably buffered, such as “Bufferin”), zinc, Coenzyme Q10, vitamin C with bioflavonoids, and shilajit. Shilajit is an ancient Ayurvedic material. It looks, smells, & tastes like road tar – but it works. It is medicine, not candy. Shilajit works on many ailments of the brain as well as those caused by or including great inflammation in the body. Self-hypnosis is extremely effective. Like yoga mental isolation, it is easy to learn. Acupuncture is extremely successful when done by a competent practitioner. And all of these are safe. They are not expensive. There are others.

You are needed to give these marijuana bills a resounding FAIL. Thank you for hearing me in a good way now & killing these bills that only damage people’s health & do nothing to improve it. I am always available to answer any questions.