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Hi good afternoon to the Chairs and to the Seats, I am Gregg Marchand from Willimantic I oppose Raised bill no.461 on the grounds of lawmakers of the Labor Committee being ignorant to the fact that police in every aspect of their official capacity including when being armed may be doing drugs including doing the muscle building anabolic steroid. The ignorance of the lawmakers is being police are not randomly drug tested under the high - risk safety sensitive occupation rule. Lawmakers are letting officers and troopers run amuck instead of being held to the higher authority as a police job expects.

Now you want them to be armed and guard our children?

I had asked a Korean War Veteran and he said if police are at schools they should be at all schools. Then he said they should hire constables instead.

I asked another individual and he says” shootings in schools has risen exponentially. I believe that having a police officer in our schools is a good idea. If there were an officer in each school they should be in plain clothes with a concealed weapon so as not to scare the children. They should be trained in anti-bullying concepts. The influence an officer might have on a school bully whom he can have a talk with, and the bully now knows he has to deal with a police officer not just some helpless child he is picking on. They should be trained in child sociology not just criminology. They should be subject to random drug tests, so we don't end up putting a 'bad seed' cop around our children.” Again the last two paragraph were other peoples opinion.

If they are uniformed our children will probably be thinking of crimes and living in prison instead of just going to school and all the great things that come with school.

Remember I don't think there should be police at our schools. It's a waste of money. A couple of constables is logical. If they are at one school they must be at every school we cannot be discriminatory and they would be in the schools as a deterrent not an instigator looking to make court cases.

Let's be responsible and have random drug testing of police to be sure they are acting in the proper state of mind while being on duty. Random drug testing is for the safety of co-workers and for the public's safety. Police have public safety in their occupational title/name yet they are not being tested.

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