

LB 14

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correct everything at once, you have to go these things by, a short, I presume a short step at a time, but this is a highly important bill and very much, but this is only for one year, one year, that's all it is. At the end of that year if it hasn't proven an assist and desirability of doing it, you don't renew it, it's just that simple. We all know not any marijuana or heroin and cocaine and all those things I have been told time and time again, that in Douglas county tonight they have a thousand heroin and cocaine addicts. I don't presume anybody can prove that, but it is almost self evident by the area in which we get the information that it's true. We had a young man before the committee, the Judiciary committee the other day, who was a user, and he told us a tale that's almost impossible to believe. What he did in his own case in order to feed his habit, he did everything admittedly that for the most part some of us think is fiction. He agreed to come back before the committee in a short period of time to the Chairman in order to get into a session in order to give us first hand how he started, what it went into, and what he was confronted with and how he broke the habit if he did I don't know whether, I hope it's permanent, but these things are a horrible thing, and the most horrible thing is it's really impossible in order to separate the user from the pusher, it's a question of degree, it's not a black and white, and I don't know of a single case which anybody's attempt to pose on anybody the infliction of trying to make a pusher out of him when he is only a user, and I would hope irrespective of the Governor's judgement that this body forgive what he's done, he has his reasons, at this point it's not important what he's done or why he has done it, it's important to this body to make up it's mind what are we going to do. I stand ready to override the Governor's veto and I hope the rest of you do the same thing.

SPEAKER: The Chair next recognizes Senator Warner, then Snyder, Fred Carstens, then Skarda, we of course, are debating the motion to override the Governor's veto, shall LB 14 be passed notwithstanding the objection of the Governor. Senator Warner would you yield the floor to me, just a moment please before you begin. The Chair would like to call to the body's attention that we have ninety fourth grade students from Sheridan School in Lincoln, Nebraska, those, that particular school is in Senator Marsh's district and the instructors of course are Miss Donna McKinney, Miss Delores Painter, Miss Ester Johnson, and they are seated in the north balcony and we are delighted to have you here today as observers to the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. Very good, now Senator Warner, we recognize you on the motion here to override the Governor's veto.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I rise to support Senator Schmit and his motion, I remind you there was no opposition at the hearing, the additional four was, three patrolmen of attorneys added here on the floor, I think was because of the size of the problem and the size of the state, I remind you that 1456 that was enacted last session did provide for additional attorney's to assist, it was not Senator Whitney suggested if we wanted it done I think one way to be assured that it will be done is by having this legislation enact it, there is obviously ample precedent for attorneys to be assigned to the department, we have it now in agriculture, banking, environmental control and other areas, and it has been so well pointed out, procedure leading to arrest is everything, if a successful court case is to be prosecuted, and I would urge the members to override this veto so that we can begin to more effectively take care of the drug problem in Nebraska.