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peddler, the drug salesman, the corrupter of people and all that goes with it. A drug pusher can turn a user into an out and out thief, it can turn them into prostitutes, they can turn them into all forms of corruption to support their habit and when these same people get up for trial, get up before the court, they get off with little or nothing and it is a simple, it is--on the part of these people who engage in this illicit trade because they have no scruples to begin with or they wouldn't be in it; have no regard for human life, for human decency; they are savages, they are vermin, they are beyond the pale of people who are, comprise this society and yet they get away because, with it day in and day out and we make this, we support by this laxity and this inability to clamp down on these people. We are encouraging them in the business of making money which is the only reason that we have and the prime reason we have a drug problem is because the drug problem is profitable. It is hugely profitable. It is profitable from top to bottom and it is only the miserable, the miserable, broken down user at the bottom who gets stuck with the whole bill. Now if we can isolate this thing and get fine investiga--the best investigation possible, the best preparation possible, the best presentation possible to the court and if then, the courts haven't got the strength to respond, then we're going to have to take some action on the courts. We're going to have to start doing something pretty soon or we're going to, we're sinking rapidly. We're going down the drain. We're becoming a, a nation that is, that is dominated by the criminal and by the, by the criminal element. We're going to live in a land of terror and hopelessness as far as the young people are concerned. It is fashionable today to be a, to be a drug user. It is fashionable, it is accepted as a thing to do, doing my thing, let's eradicate this thing but, let's get all the elements involved in this, in this drug problem; the investigation, the prosecution, and then let's put a stamp on the courts too. I support this.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr. President and Members of the body. Nobody can more eloquently describe what I often think but can't say than Senator Carstens and I'm in full accord with him. You know, we've gone along with this problem so it's got clear out of hand, this disfiguring these young people and if it's a problem as far as our courts are concerned, then let's change the courts and get rid of some of the judges. Let's bear down. I want to see these people burned. If we got a capital punishment act that's coming up in this session, as far as I am concerned, you can include them because just, this is just exactly what they need. Fellows, along the line somewhere we got to have a screeching stop to this drug problem that's confronted us and if you think it's in a stage now that's serious, if we keep letting it go on, it's going to get so far out of hand, you're not going to be able to do it. Now, I for the first time, am going to go along and override the Governor. I've never did it before but this is one instance that I am and I don't talk disrespectful about him, but on the other hand, we got a problem that we gotta do something about and I think today is the day to do it.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Stromer. Still debating the issue to override the Governor on L.B. 14.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President. I have a question for Senator Schmit and then I would also like to ask for some response after the question.