

Senator Chambers would agree that the majority of these prostitutes cannot...could not even afford the rehabilitation, if they wanted to, and could not...would probably not have the inclination to do so. I think that that is an opportunity that is available through this, through 116 that would not be available under current law. I would urge you to reject the motion to IPP, and again I would urge you to advance 116.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please, followed by Senator Chambers, then Senator Abboud.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm standing here to speak because I want to make sure that what I say is in the record. And you know that the last time we dealt with the bill I was taken up by some of the things that Senator Chambers said, and I agreed with him on a lot of the statements that he made. I was approached afterwards and was not accused, but it was said to me that it looked as though it was a woman voting for women. And I tried to explain to them that that was not my purpose for voting the way I voted. My main concern was what I think I stated that time I stood up to speak about the issue, and that was that I don't like the idea of passing a law based on what if. I don't think that we should, before the fact, if there is something that is being looked at right now the Omaha ordinance is being looked at, then I wanted to say let's go ahead and let that go ahead and go through the process, not piece...not enact in law something during that process which is already set. So that was my main concern. But following that time then I was asked if I would meet with some of the folks from that area, and I told them I wasn't going to make a trip to Omaha to do that. So some people did come in last week and talked with me. And I have to tell you that the impression they gave me did very much concern me about what is going down there. And I have to just tell you that I think these were very responsible people that did come in. We had a...there was a woman who owns a business, there were two women who were working women there. There was an older woman who is in a nursing home there, or not a nursing home, a retirement center for elderly people, and then a priest or an Episcopalian minister, I don't know which it was, but a man with a collar. And these people graphically laid out for me the kinds of stuff that are going on down there right now. There are things that I definitely would not have going on in the neighborhood where I live or in my own community. So, for that reason, I'm now sitting here on the fence. I'm still concerned about passing law when there is an ordinance that