

what is really critical is this could happen, the Stockton tragedy could happen in Omaha, Nebraska today, tomorrow. It could happen anywhere in the State of Nebraska. It could happen in Lincoln, Nebraska. It could happen in North Platte, Nebraska, and we, as a state, need to address this problem, and we need to address this problem as it relates to the serious, very serious problem raised by Senator Abboud in LB 562 (sic).

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. In ruling on germaneness, the body is reminded that the purpose of LB 592 is to provide some penalties for drug dealers selling cocaine and crack, and the primary thrust of the Ashford amendment is dealing with the manufacture or selling of any semiautomatic firearms which can hold more than five rounds of ammunition. The Chair will rule that germane amendments relate only to the specific subject of the bill and, as a result, the amendment is not germane and is out of order. Any question, any appeal?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Not at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: We are back to discussing the bill, itself. Senator Chambers, your light is on, followed by Senators Moore and Abboud.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I live in a community that is ravaged by drugs, drug dealing, but I am very disappointed and dissatisfied with the approaches of the law enforcement officials. They make a hundred, so to speak, little nickel and dime arrests. You don't see them going after big pushers and big suppliers who don't live in that community. So they can create the appearance that they are doing a great amount of service and a great amount of work on this drug problem but the difficulty inheres in the fact that people in communities will call time after time about a crack house, a cocaine house, or other drug dispensing areas. The police cannot come. Then when you pressure them, then they say