

taken off for good time. That's what, in fact, will be done. But my main objection to the bill is that it's not going to touch the drug problem. Senator Abboud mentioned, I think, six arrests that would have been made under this bill. Let me ask him a question on that so I can be sure. Senator Abboud, would you answer a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was the total number of arrests, forgetting the category, that would have occurred under this bill with the new punishments have been six, or did I misunderstand?

SENATOR ABOUD: There would have been six under this from January 1 of '89 through March 19 of '89 of this year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. With the amount of drugs being moved in the City of Omaha, that is nothing. Six arrests constitute no impact on the drug traffic at all. What we would need to look at is whether there were convictions and if there were convictions, what the sentencing judge gave as a punishment. None of that is before us. This is a politician's bill, pure and simple, not speaking of Senator Abboud who brought it but those in Omaha and Douglas County who want it. When Chief Wadman testified the other day before the Judiciary Committee, I had asked him, because the bill that he testified on would have placed a harsher punishment on a youngster for being in violation of the drug laws than it would an adult, I asked him, why don't they go after the big fish in Omaha, and he is the one who talked about all this time that is needed to make a case and I mentioned to him what I mentioned to you all this morning, just go up to the house and make a buy, not Wadman himself. Although people may not recognize him, he might be able to pull it off, but at any rate it is not as difficult as what they want to indicate. These persons, these entrepreneurs, business persons, thugs, dopers or whatever you want to call them have to have an open and known operation because they operate from the standpoint of volume. People have to know where they are and if the public knows, meaning young children, the police have to know. And if they would deputize me, I could make more arrests than they have made to date and I could go into a crack house and make the purchases that they, for some reason, pretend not to be able to make and break these houses