

are still plea bargains. This is not dealing with the drug problem. I don't believe there is anybody on this floor who has more contempt for a drug dealer than I have, whoever the drug dealer is, who is more concerned about the damage done to a community than I am. I live in a community where I see it. In Washington, D.C., a group of Muslims, called the Black Muslims, began to operate in one of the worst housing projects, worse in terms of the amount of drugs there, and cleaned it out and when the police saw it happening, the police moved to try to stop them from patrolling in this housing project and the Muslims were not armed. Why would a police force be opposed to a group of citizens in a community ridding that community of drug infestation? Because they want the drugs to stay there. I want the drugs out. This is not going to do it. It will be another dodge to hide behind and say the officials have done all they can and they haven't done anything. If we organized a band and began to really make a dent in the drug traffic, they would then begin to call us the vigilantes.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if we had a band and went around knocking old people in the head and snatching women's purses and breaking into homes, you don't hear any talk of vigilantes because it is crime by us against our own and that is acceptable and desirable. But if we band together to fight the crime and the element that the police know are there but won't touch, then we're the bad fellows. They wouldn't put together a nine to 10-man drug task force of the kind we wanted, but they put together a nine-man special force to deal with prostitutes in downtown Omaha. And Wadman is there saying that there is not a problem until it stared him so much in the face that he couldn't deny it anymore and Wadman, for your information, is the chief of police. I can see that you feel you've got to vote for this bill so you're going to vote down the kill motion, but you're not going to be able to put this thing on the books and get away later with saying, we did something against the drug traffic in Omaha and we believe that's what we're doing. You're going to pass this bill knowing it won't do a thing.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is, shall the bill be indefinitely postponed? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. A record vote has been requested. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.