

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 1227-28 of the Legislative Journal.) 2 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. Now we're back on the advancement of the bill. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I'm rising to oppose the advancement of the bill. What you all don't understand is the nature of poverty, first of all. If you read the newspaper, if you watch television, you will see people who are not considered liberals, pointing out that when there is excessive crowding of people, lack of economic opportunity, schools that don't give education that inculcates self-esteem, everything that the child or his or her family will confront in this society being something designed to put you down and cast you as inferior can do nothing but demoralize you as an individual and when it is done to a community, it demoralizes a community. You tell these young black people to work. They go to seek a job and they are turned away and there are no black people working at these establishments and then they're told, it's not racism. A child might be clean but not have a suit to wear but is looking for the job and pretty soon the child begins to recognize that look in the eye, that tone in the voice and the fact that there will never be a call when they say, we'll take the application and we'll call you. And they see other kids with money, not from working. There are predatory adults who know what the problems are that these youngsters face in trying to get a job and trying to stay in school. So they play on it and they tell them, the police in Omaha are dumb, do this, they don't even understand the drug traffic because you read in the paper where they got an ounce of cocaine and they call this a major bust and a major drug operation. A half ounce of cocaine, \$600, and a .38 caliber pistol and this is a major drug operation and everybody on the street laughs at them. You all know enough to know that's not true and if you read these articles, you'll see that what I'm telling you is not a lie. If we are not in a position to look to those who are authorized under the law to enforce the law, then we're going to have to do it ourselves. And if and when that day comes, don't one of you on this floor, don't one of you say anything to me, don't you give me any advice, don't you give me any commiseration, none of that. This is a problem that is killing my community and the police are not the ones we can look to to do anything. As far as trying to do anything, I had a talk with Calinger some months ago about what