

could be done with reference to education, the calling together of a businessmen's task force which I would help him do, to set aside some jobs, some training programs, some internships, the things that could be made available to allow young people a choice. There is no choice now. McDonald's, even if the kids wanted to work there, cannot hire all of them. Burger King cannot hire all of them. There is no group in the City of Omaha who are as restricted as we are in terms of economic opportunity and a chance to improve your condition. So you'll pass this bill, and you'll say we've done something that has fought the drug traffic and the drug problem in Omaha, so what do these black people want now? Why are they crying now? We said we were going to give these people three years. We said we're going to give them five years. What do they want? What the Legislature needs to do is say that in cities of the metropolitan class the people of a drug-ridden community are authorized to establish their own police force.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you do that? You wouldn't have to risk anything. The Omaha police wouldn't risk anything. I would be the one undertaking the physical and every other kind of risk. Will you help me in that respect because you won't help us in any other one? If the police were doing their job, I would be praising them and lauding them. This issue has been milked by the present mayor for political purposes to throw a lot more police on the street and hire a lot more and say this is going to solve the problem and it's not. I know you all have trouble believing that what I'm saying is true but if Omaha this summer gets lit up like a Christmas tree, then it's not going to be a case where police are dealing as they have in the past with unarmed people. You have young people who don't understand the concept of death, who don't fear death because the idea hasn't taken root that it is permanent or that they can die and they will not just let their lives be taken, as has happened in black communities in the past, they will feel they are supposed to fight back, that their weapons kill just like the weapons of the police will kill them.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is the reality and it must be confronted and it must be dealt with and this bill does not even begin to touch it.