

opinion. I think they work pretty hard in trying to solve the problems and trying to seek out these crack houses and seek out individuals that are profiting through the use of drugs. But I do feel that there is one area, one area that we can help law enforcement officials in regards to their fight against crack and cocaine use, and that is with these individuals that are selling the drugs, that are bringing them into the State of Nebraska and, once they're here, individuals that are selling large amounts of these drugs. This bill is not aimed at the individual using or possessing it. It is aimed at the people that are encouraging and that are profiting by these particular methods. And maybe some guy, he'll be sitting there and he'll look at the...he'll be deciding on how much drugs he should sell this week or how much he should push this week and he may look at our particular statute and realize that, well, if I go over this amount then I'm going to be...could have a possibility of three years in prison. If I go over this amount, it may be five years and if I stay under it, I won't be involved in that particular statute. And it might discourage him and it might discourage some of the other people that are bringing it into the state. I think crack houses are a problem. I think there probably could be more severe enforcement but, as you see, there is no agreement even among this body, all the membership, as to what is, in fact, proper enforcement of the laws and what should be proper enforcement. I don't have all the answers in this particular area and I don't think anyone else does, but this is one area that we can help those individuals that are convicted the first time that think, well, I'll just do some probation and I'll make my money and there really isn't much risk involved. Those individuals should not go unpunished. If they go out and get themselves a high-priced attorney lawyer that's done a lot of criminal work and he knows how to weasel his way out so that that individual isn't convicted, well, this law is not going to affect him. But if that individual is convicted, he's not going to be able to argue that, for whatever reason, he shouldn't serve any time in prison. The bill puts him in prison, I don't think it's harsh, I think all the tragedy and heartache that drugs have caused in society that this should just be one additional deterrence to those individuals selling the drugs. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, we have a priority motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do, and if I may, just a few items for the record prior to reading that. Enrollment and Review reports