

is talking about now in his campaign are things that I had made notes on and talked to him about in terms of dealing with this drug problem and he never wanted to do anything with it, but I guess it came in handy for use in his political discussions now. To my knowledge, I'm the only person in or out of this Legislature who put together a task force of businessmen in Omaha that had the highest officials of the largest companies in Omaha to study the finances of the City of Omaha and put together a program and some of the recommendations have been put in place and can be shown in Omaha now. That's what I had succeeded in doing and nobody else on the floor can make that claim. And I have offered to work with these people and got nowhere. It's a lot easier to characterize these young people as criminals by nature and you give them heavy sentences and forget about them, but they are our children, and when I say our in this one, I mean black people's children. They represent our future and they have the opportunity to see how little care and concern there is for them in this society. Every time they see something in the paper that relates to them it's more police officers, more foot patrolmen, mandatory sentences and be in a position to blow them away if you're suspicious. So they learn and you can preach all the sermons that you want to, you can talk all that you please in school about study to show yourself approved so you can get these jobs and then you're turned away but you see your white classmates able to get these jobs. And people on this floor and in this state want to pretend there is no such thing as racism, that everybody has equal opportunity and our people are poor because we want to be poor and we have no jobs because we don't want to work. I probably work harder in this Legislature than any five people in here, and I'm an example of what black people are about. We have less with which to work and must do more with it. We have to, in some instances, take a penny whistle and make music like that you would expect to come from a symphony, always expected to do more with less. I know, as I said, you're going to pass this bill, but what I intend to try to do when the Legislature is out of session and I have more time is put together another task force of businessmen and see if they are willing to help do what is within their power to do to solve the problem. That should not be my job. There are local officials in Omaha and there are county officials and they have a responsibility. Do you all think that I could go to young people this summer and if they are embittered, they have no work, they have run into things in school that should never be done to children in school, and I'm going to tell them just continue to have hope, things are going