

man and woman and child to see the way a black person is to stand on his or her feet and not go on the ground on his or her belly which is the posture of a serpent.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We are people, we are human beings, we have our pride and our dignity and we will not have it stripped away and if it means fighting in the streets to keep it, that is exactly what we will do and I will not be one of these cowering and cringing and hiding behind being a senator. Whatever befalls my people, befalls me. I have an obligation and a responsibility to be an example. So if it makes you feel good, pass your bill. I'll give that much to you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Elmer, please, followed by Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers has been very eloquent. He says that this is a bill that points out poor people, that points out races and classes. I say this is a classless problem. It doesn't matter whether you're rich or you're poor. It doesn't matter if you're black or you're white. It doesn't matter whether you're from the city or from the country. This problem is pervasive all over our state in every class. It doesn't matter whether you're an artist in California making \$10 million a year, you still die from the use of drugs. We have to do something. Perhaps a little additional law enforcement would help. Thanks.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Korshoj, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. President and members, I have very little to say. As I got up this morning, I said I don't know if I'm for or against and I'm probably the same on this bill. I'm not a lawyer, thank God, and it's very apparent. But this bill is just what it says, it's a bill. I don't think it does anything. I don't know how it is going to stop the problem we're trying to solve and I think drugs is probably the biggest single problem we have in the nation today, and I do think it affects the poor areas much more than it does the rich areas. I'd probably like to see us pass a bill in here to give the people who would sell to children and recruit children to distribute and sell drugs, a law of due process. Take one of them weapons that Brad wants to only fire five rounds and shoot them people, legally, because