

colleagues in the aerial application business are glad to help, but that's not the business they're in. They are not trained in that business, they are not skilled and they are not going to wreck or risk a \$100,000 piece of equipment or a \$500,000 piece of equipment to do the job which is a law enforcement job. We can't find a million or a million and a half dollars, we can't find a half a million dollars to replace a 10-year-old helicopter for the highway patrol. Yeah, we've got two or three in Omaha to haul the dead, the dying and the wounded from the accidents but we can't find one more for the patrol to help them prevent some of that. We have a tremendous ability in this body, as has been said, to tighten the penalties, to appropriate money for certain areas. We are being faced now with the necessity of spending maybe 5 million, \$10 million to enhance our penal complex because we're locking them up oftener and for longer periods of time. If we pass this bill, very likely we will bring in two or three hundred more people. Oh, yeah, they'll be between 16 and 22 or three years of age. And you know what, as Senator Landis has said, it won't slow the traffic down one nickel's worth. But if you follow the chain of command and find the renegade who brings it in by the airplane load and the pickup load and the ship load, then you might do some good. One of the senators says the problem is education. Who cares about education if you're poorly clothed, poorly housed, underfed and don't have a job? Education is not high on the list. You're not going to be too concerned about the evils of drugs when your belly is empty and you don't know where your next meal is coming from...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and you don't know where you're going to be living. We pass this bill, we've done enough of that sort of facade work this year already. No one is more committed to fighting drugs than I am and my record goes back farther than any of yours. But, ladies and gentlemen, unless you're willing to put the money on the line to support the law enforcement people to an extent and the categories where it's necessary, then you can pile those penalties up till they reach the Rotunda ceiling and it won't make a nickel's worth of good. It will be interesting to see what happens if and when there comes a time to enhance the capability of the legitimate and capable law enforcement agencies of this state and we do have some. Unfortunately, unfortunately, in all areas we do not have that kind of dedication and that kind of capability, but if we had