

it, you could get rid of the drug problem and it would be known...Nebraska would be known as a place where it's not safe to do business. Until you're willing to do that, ladies and gentlemen, tightening the penalties is a slap in the face and is always something to go back and speak to the Farm Bureau or the PTA about back home.

PRESIDENT: Time. Thank you. Senator Hartnett, please, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, in this bill I think Senator Abboud is attacking the people that sell the drugs, but that's only one part of it. If we're going to sell anything, we have to have somebody to buy it and why, I guess, ask the rhetorical question and don't want Senator Abboud, but maybe in his close, why doesn't he attack that particular part of the problem, because if we're talking about cocaine and crack, we're talking about drugs that cost money, big money. And so the people that buy these particular drugs must have money and I guess I'm...read an article a few days ago and it wasn't talking about Omaha, Nebraska, it wasn't talking about the State of Nebraska, but simply talking about the drug situation in the nation and simply talked about a housewife from one of the suburbs of Washington, D.C., that goes into the area of Washington, into the areas and simply buys like she was buying a hamburger from McDonald's. Kind of a...she didn't get out of the cab that she drove, she didn't drive her Mercedes in there, she drove a cab in there...rode a cab in there. She stopped, the person from the street came over, gave the person the drugs, sold her the drugs and, "ptshoo", away she goes because the problem doesn't affect her. But this person that's doing this is part of the whole drug problem. We do have the sellers but we also have the buyers. We have the people that buy the drugs and we're really at the sellers of it, we're not attacking the buyers of it, the drugs. It also talked in the same article, in this same article, talked about the auto dealer in Florida that sells a Mercedes and takes cash, and I don't know what a Mercedes costs but I suppose 30, 40, \$50,000 and they pay it in cash. Does that person have a part of the whole drug scene? And I think it's true, it's true in Florida...it's true, I think it's part of the problem that we have in Nebraska and I think maybe with this bill we're only getting at part of the problems, the sellers of it, not the buyers or the banker, the very...the bankers with their...that take money and help launder the money, are they part of the drug problems that we