

bet I will support something like that but I will not support something that, well, the next one maybe we have to build half-way between Omaha and Lincoln so that everybody can have their visitors. I think Senator Schmit made a remark that a penalty can't be too harsh. That's true, a penalty can't be too harsh and the only thing this bill does and maybe it will help is to have a harsher penalty. I can see nothing wrong with that. Now, I'm not going to walk away from here and say we've done our job. I've heard that before and we have done that before. We have passed legislation and walked away and forgot it. So it's up to Senator Schmit and it's up to Senator Chambers and it's up to the people who are fighting this bill to see that we don't forget what we did and come in with something different to make it work. It's up to you folks to say, you can start here and say it won't work, well, then you give us a tool, you give us legislation that will work, in your opinion. Tell us what you think we need. You will get support. You will have my support. So you tell us what you think we should have instead of knocking something like this that's trying to do something. So I ask everyone to support even those people who are opposing this issue to vote to advance LB 592. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, followed by Senator Ashford.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate has ceased. Senator Abboud, would you care to close?

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, we have had a good debate on the bill. It's pretty clear what the bill does do and what it doesn't do. It doesn't solve all the drug problems facing the State of Nebraska but it does deal with the problem, I think, in a reasonable manner. It targets certain individuals that should have a mandatory minimum sentence if they are, in fact, convicted, those individuals being individuals that are