

you're waiting for a bus, because a white officer says I own this corner and I'll run you off every time I see you, and if you come back I'll arrest you. And you say, well, I'm on the way to work. Walk to work. Provocation, provocation, and I hope you all listen carefully, will invite a response. In the old days white officers could come into our community and go upside people's heads with sticks, handcuff them, brutalize them, subject them to verbal abuse and the chief, the mayor and the safety director never did anything to correct it. Now there is a different type of person in that community. There are people who are...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...armed. There are people who, while growing up, witnessed what was done to their parents, witnessed the insults, the lack of respect, the treatment of every woman as though she's a prostitute and every black man as though he was a criminal, and they are not going to take it. And, if that which is being provoked by the police and these white politicians will come to fruition, then don't talk about running in the National Guard or giving these cops more guns or sending more cops into the area. Pouring gasoline on a fire can only add to the conflagration. There must be a serious, detailed, reasoned analysis of this problem, and then the forming and formulating of responses that a Legislature is in a position to put together. This bill...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...muddies the water without helping to solve the problem at all.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Abboud, followed by Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, what I'm going to attempt to do here is refocus the debate back on to what the bill actually does do, and that is to provide a mandatory minimum sentence for individuals that are involved in the sale or distribution of coke or "crack-caine"...cocaine. That's all the bill provides for. It provides for individuals that are involved in the making of money. When they make money from the sale, the distribution, the production, the manufacturing of