

Ncw, did he solve a problem by giving her 15 months in the women's prison? She has a small child and she's pregnant. We passed a resolution talking about the week of the child. This case I wanted to bring to you so you could see the complexities of what it is we're dealing with and how heavy-handed these cowardly judges can be when they're dealing with somebody who truly is helpless. You put a woman at risk in the prison because there is no assurance of the kind of treatment she will get while being pregnant. Nothing in the article dealt with what will become of the young child that she has to leave. So this is what the society has done, with one bold stroke a judge has become tough on drugs by sentencing a pregnant woman to 15 months in prison, and he has also created a child who has no parent to look after the child. So, if the child goes into a foster home, isn't that what foster homes are for? You've got have children to put in them. What will they say in response to what I'm suggesting that the woman should not have allowed her place to be used for the sale of drugs?

PEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I agree, I couldn't agree more. But when we look at all of the circumstances then the appropriate response is not to give her 15 months in prison and to take her from that young child. I don't even know the woman, by the way, but I just see it as a cruel, vicious type of thing which is being done here, and it also demonstrates how women, generally, become the brunt of heavy-handed male ire, when the male is afraid to deal with the true problem. Pass the bill, wash your hands and feel good, and you haven't done anything. Senator Abboud even pointed out to you that some of these people will be sophisticated enough to sell drugs in an amount just below this, so that they won't be affected by the bill anyway. They'll be laughing at you. I tricked that dumb Legislature, and to show how dumb they are, Senator Abboud even told them what I was going to do, and now I've done it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Senator Wesely announces that he has some guests in our north balcony. We have seven students from Southeast Community College in Lincoln with their instructor. Would you people please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting, we're glad to have you with us. Additional discussion on this motion to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Hannibal, followed by Senators Abboud, Beck and Bernard-Stevens. Senator Hannibal.