

being to walk the streets at night because you have people going around shooting AK-47s at them as they walk down the street. And I look at Los Angeles and see all the misery that has been caused there because of these drive-by shootings, and I'm reminded of what the purpose of government is. The purpose of government is civility, is to allow people to live in harmony with one another, and sometimes that involves taking people that want to break the rules and cause misery and problems for other people, it's to take them to task and say you've been bad, you've been bad and you're losing the privileges of living in a free society. I don't think this is too much to ask, and it's just not going to affect that many people.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR ABOUD: As I said, I hope no one ever uses this statute. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Beck.

SENATOR BECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I would just like to rise in support of Senator Abboud's bill, 592, and, therefore, speak against the IPP motion. I think that this is part of the package solution, and I liked Senator Lindsay's idea and I want to commend him on that that Judiciary Committee might study this problem. I think study is necessary. And some of us are not using this bill to wash our hands and look the other way, we're going to drug conferences, we're asking people in our neighborhood, we're going out there and talking to folks and finding out how they feel and what's going on. And I think I speak for everyone here that we would not only want to get just those on the street, but those people who are behind this, and ultimately perhaps we can. But, at this point, perhaps this bill will just cut that connection. And I notice that Senator Hannibal speaks of fiscal prudence, and I certainly appreciate that. But I just wonder how much the accelerated drug use, that Senator Abboud's handouts point out to us, cost our society. And, again, gangs and drugs are not limited to one color, and they are not limited to one area and we need to do what we can and continue doing, and so I would just like to speak to the effect that we do want a solution, we don't want to use this just on political literature. It's something that is important to us. I know young people who may be involved in these kinds of things. I'd like that connection cut. I'd like to go after these big guys, whoever they are and wherever they are, and I