

that. I think LB 592 sends that little message out there saying not only are we going to get tougher on those that sell cocaine and crack, that's a big problem, we're going to get a little tougher on them. I'm not saying we've solving the problem, we're sending the message out there that we're going to get tougher on it, there is nothing wrong with that, there is nothing wrong with that. LB 592 does not solve the drug problem in the State of Nebraska. LB 592 does not make matters worse. LB 592 helps address the problem, and for that reason I urge the body to defeat Senator Chambers' motion and in the end pass the bill. So we definitely say that we're going to continue working on the problem, and this is only one portion of the problem we have to work with, but we can't back off this and say this is too little to do anything at all. I feel we must pass the bill, we must defeat Senator Chambers' motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I have two points to make. First, I don't disagree with Senator Moore that something along the lines of 592 can and should be done. It is, however, the fact that this is always the first and usually only step that we take that troubles me. I wouldn't mind doing 592, if it was part of a package, and that package would include better educational opportunities, and remedial education, and preschool assistance for kids in disadvantaged areas. It would include job training and it would include good jobs for people at the conclusion of that education. It would include rehabilitation as part of our incarceration theory in this state. It would include better police sensitivity and better police resources. And then 592 makes sense. But what's going to happen is exactly what's happened this session, we have one and only one bill on drugs this year, and this is the bill. And that's what I think happens when we perpetuate the myth of our own ability to do something, when we choose this kind of weapon to attack the problem of drug addiction in this country. Second point, Senator Hannibal gave a very, very good speech that I hope the body listened to. My guess is judging by the atrophied sense on people's faces today, I don't think they did. But Senator Hannibal said, you know, there is a cost to doing this kind of thing. As a matter of fact, this Legislature is attempting to find out that cost. I think it was a year ago that Senator Chizek and myself asked for a computer program to be developed in which we take our prison facilities and create a computer model, allowing decision-makers, like ourselves, to