

right when he said there is big money to be made in drugs. And he mentioned the impoverished people in Omaha. A lot of impoverished people spend their money on drugs. But, if the only money to be made on drugs were that coming from impoverished people, there would not be the magnitude of drug traffic in Omaha. If the gang members and others who underwrite these gangs from other states felt that the only place that money could be made on drugs was in an impoverished neighborhood, they would not undertake the expense nor the risk. There are parts of Omaha where some of you all live, and you have a more serious problem in terms of the amount of drugs you use than what I have in my community. But they're not kicking doors in out there. And they're sending children away for treatment, and there are children who don't have to buy drugs, if they attend Westside, because when I go out there and talk, almost annually, they tell me about the drugs available in their medicine chests that are prescription drugs, amphetamines, methamphetamines, uppers, downers that are available to them. So, since they are "legally" obtained through a doctor or a pharmacist, or the two together, there is no technical crime committed, but they get addicted and they sell drugs, and they sell much greater volumes than the two or three grams you might find when they kick a door in, in the ghetto. You'll often hear comments from politicians in Omaha saying we've got the problem contained or restricted to north Omaha and, as long as we can hold it there, we have prevailed, meaning don't let it come out in the white neighborhood. Well, it's out there already. And white kids have guns, too. They don't have to get them illegally, they can use their parent's guns. Out there there is a momma gun, a daddy gun and a baby gun. They've got rifles, shotguns, pistols, magnums of various calibers. And what you have to hope is that they don't begin to view the police as some people in other areas view them. Senator Abboud has mentioned, on a number of occasions, and others have during the course of our discussion, the DWI laws. In every state there has been the same pattern. If there is a lot of publicity about these laws and a lot of political heat brought to bear on politicians, these laws will be enacted, and for a period of time the number of arrests will go up, then they begin to taper off. Then the plea bargains occur, then deals are made and you're right back where you started from. The thing to remember is that this bill does not even do what you're representing to the public that it does. All you're saying, when you indicate that the minimum is three years, or the minimum is five years, is the same thing that you're indicating with any of these felonies above that