

been, as I said before, a long time since we began a major antidrug abuse effort on this floor, more than 14 or 15 years. And if you read or did read the Omaha World-Herald, a day or so ago, you will find it says the police harbor no illusions of halting the drug plague. That's the headline. If you read that article, and if you haven't read it, I have one copy here, I invite you to come down and we'll make copies for all of you. But if you'll read that article, you can understand that the present situation in Omaha is almost an exercise in futility. It's like trying to pick potato bugs into a can of kerosene. And I had some experience with that many years ago. You pick up a few today, tomorrow they're back in full force again because they breed faster than you can pick. And in this instance that's about all you do. You pick up the least experienced pushers, you pick up the least experienced users, you pick up those who have the less amount...least amount of money to hire help, hire good attorneys and so forth. Frankly, as Senator Chambers pointed out, by accident, by accident the police have uncovered more drugs perhaps in recent weeks in Omaha than through their own really serious activity. The statement was made on the floor here that there were no other bills to deal with drugs, and maybe in a sense that is true. But I believe there are some bills on this floor that can help in that manner. Senator Landis indicated that more needs to be done, more needs to be done in education, I agree. More needs to be done insofar as opportunities. What is the alternative for an individual? Some of the individuals that I know really do not have much of an alternative. They do not have a good education, do not have the highest IQ in the community and do not have the best opportunity for any kind of productive job, and so they naturally lean toward the fast buck and the excitement, to a certain extent, and the camaraderie, such as it is, that goes with the drug pushers. A number of years ago, when we made some major efforts to try to stop the drug trade, we did do certain things which were designed to improve the ability of the law enforcement agencies to stamp out the traffic of drugs. I still think that has to happen. I still believe there has to be a major effort addressed toward the importation of large quantities of drugs prior to the time that it hits the street. There is no way in the world that the present law enforcement officers can pick it up off the street and keep it under control. You've got to discourage the major pushers. Now there are those who will not agree with me, but I do believe, as I indicated earlier in one of these discussions, that you've got to give the law enforcement agencies the money they need to