

asked at first was...then I will ask it. Why do you think the Omaha police are not going after the big pushers?

SENATOR ABOUD: I wasn't aware that they weren't.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then do you think they don't catch any more because they don't know who they are or they don't know how to get the goods on them?

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Chambers, you're asking me a question that really isn't relevant to this bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But we're discussing this issue and I said these are gentle questions. These are not designed to trap you or trick you, the fact is...oh, never mind. Okay, thanks, Senator Abboud, I don't want it to seem like we're arguing. The fact is that if you go by the statistics Senator Abboud gave us, the Omaha police are not getting any of the big pushers, to speak of. My question was, how many more will the police go after with this bill? I think it is a perfectly appropriate question. I asked Senator Abboud why the police are not getting the big pushers. Is it that they don't know who they are or they know who they are but they can't get the goods on them? And then a third question I will ask, are they afraid of them or are they being paid off? I think that it's the two latter. I think they're afraid of them and I think there are payoffs. I think there are big drug dealers purchasing immunity in the State of Nebraska and especially in the City of Omaha. And the only way I can be shown to be wrong is for the police to go on out there and make the arrests. They know that the nickel and dime pushers that they're getting off the streets are not the ones behind the drug activity in Omaha. They know that there are others who are bankrolling it and controlling the operation and the movement of drug activity but they're not bothering them. They're not going after them. They're paid off, that's all. A cop will grab a kid and say, drop the dope and run and the cop takes the dope. That shocks some of you all because you don't know anything. You don't care about anything and you don't believe cops are bought out for money. They want money and dope is where money is. If Wadman hears what I'm saying, he will say, let him prove it, let him bring the cop here. They had six employees at the police division who were involved in drugs and he wouldn't release the names of any of them. So if he knows something and he's not telling, it's the same as getting people off the hook for the wrong that they are doing.