

be educated and can be helped with the amount or the quantity? I agree with Senator Wesely, education in our schools, but I do want to tell you and I think we referred to LB 514 this morning, I think a lot of those provisions calling for drug and alcohol and education, most of our schools are doing that now and we have some very fine drug and alcohol programs. The only thing of it is I think maybe we have to take the story home and work a little bit harder on it. So I, too, will probably be supporting Senator Schmit's amendment at this time and I am also, I guess, very much in agreement with Senator Hannibal and Senator Landis. I honestly don't think this is...this is just camouflaging our real problem and I don't think this is going to be the answer but I'm not saying that I won't eventually in the end support it but there are other alternatives maybe. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Schmit, I don't know whether I will support your motion to bracket or not because I feel that we need to try to do something. I realize that if we move this bill, it will be on Final Reading and...but I do think we need to take some action. Drug problems in Nebraska are great. It seems like every year it gets a little greater. There are serious problems. There are major problems for us to address and just by bracketing this bill I don't think will help it. What we need to do is arrest the carriers and the distributors. We need to tell these people that we're serious and that the penalties are going to be great for those that are selling the drugs and those that are making the big money. I believe that if we pass a bill like this, it will discourage drug dealers from coming to Nebraska and I realize right now we have quite a few of them in our state. But we need to go after those people that are making the money. I know it's going to cost us money to enforce this bill and maybe we're going to have to enlarge our prisons but I don't think that this is...I don't think that should be a reason for not going ahead with this bill. There has been much talk about education. I feel that we have come a long ways in educating our...especially our younger generation to the bad effects of using drugs but, of course, we could always do a lot more in that. Senator Chambers, you said, well, the cops in Omaha are paid off. I would like to see some evidence of that. I would like to hear and see some hard core evidence of that and I think if you have that, you should come forward with that. I think you need to prove that. And Omaha isn't the only problem that