

LB 592, we done something. Hell, we did nothing, folks. Let me tell you, you make a serious mistake, a serious mistake if you toughen the penalties and you do not provide the rest of the tools that you need to enforce the...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...laws that we have on the books today.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Before recognizing Senator Chambers, there are a number of sophomores and juniors from the Farm Bureau Citizenship Safety Seminar in our north balcony. These people come from all over the state. I believe we have a total of 106 of them and they will be wandering and drifting in and out for the next hour or so. Would those of you who are here please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you. We're pleased that you could take the time to spend with us. Come back again. Additional discussion, Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Bernard-Stevens and Schellpeper.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Langford a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford, would you respond to a question, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: While she is approaching her mike, I will phrase the question. Senator Langford, you had said that what the law is now doing is going after the user and not just the pusher. Have you read the terms of this bill?

SENATOR LANGFORD: Yes, I have and it goes after the pusher but I said that the law now will arrest the user and heretofore they sort of didn't do anything to the user. They didn't have any strict penalties against the user, where now they have started, at least, to penalize the user also.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Actually, in Nebraska that is probably not the case but that's not the point I want to get to. I just want to be clear on your perception of this bill. You know this bill is designed to reach only those with substantial amounts of crack or cocaine. You're aware of that as far as this bill is concerned?

SENATOR LANGFORD: That's all right, that's a user or a dealer.