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SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm asking, are you aware that that's what this bill does?

SENATOR LANGFORD: I read the bill. It's laying right there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware that that's what it does?

SENATOR LANGFORD: What?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That's all right, Senator Langford.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, that's all right. I don't want to become argumentative. Thank you very much. My questions are very difficult to understand so I probably don't speak English very well so I won't keep asking the question because of my inability to make it clear what I'm asking. But the point that I want to get across is that some people stand up who support this bill and don't really have a clear grasp of what the bill does or what impact it might have. So I guess what we can conclude is that Senator Abboud now has not promised that this bill is going to do anything. I think Senator Moore has not made that promise. But there are others who seem to indicate that if this bill is passed and if I have misstated what Senator Abboud and Senator Moore have said, they can correct me, then we're going to have an upswing in the number of arrests of people with substantial amounts of cocaine and crack. We're going to dent the drug traffic and we're going to make people in California afraid to come to Nebraska to sell drugs. That is so ridiculous. That is so unreal that I hope none of the people who are dealing drugs will pay attention to what the Legislature is saying here today. This Legislature...if the things I have said represent the consensus of this body, this Legislature is so out of touch with reality that it's not in a position to do anything to help solve the problem; no concept of the reality out there whatsoever and probably not too much concern about it. When Senator Langford is upset because she thinks some police officers are being sullied in their reputation by things that I say, she doesn't know anything about Omaha. She doesn't know anything about the police in Omaha. She doesn't know anything about the police probably anywhere. Doesn't know too much, really, about this bill. So when we're in a serious discussion