

will guarantee you that you're not going to do it. You haven't got the courage. I will tell you one more thing, you can challenge me on my ground, before my own people, and say, Schmit was soft on drug pushers, and I will debate you there. And I am not any eloquent debater, as you all know, but I know the facts, I know the situation, I know what I'm talking about. I don't know all the answers but I know enough by now, after 15 or 20 years, to try to get something definitive, something substantive, something solid, not just the figment of someone's imagination where if you cut off an arm, they're going to stop pushing drugs. It's not going to work, Senator Abboud. Nothing wrong with the idea in principle but there are going to be so many people out there still willing to do it that unless you make a major battleground of Nebraska they are going to continue to do it. I'm going to lay down one more challenge. I'm not an expert but I know enough about reality and I know enough about the existence of drugs today and the facts of life that we can expect the State of Nebraska, the City of Omaha, to go through turmoil this next summer...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...unless something is done...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Excuse me.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...substantively and done soon.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute, I'm sorry.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I ask you...

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SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask you to seriously consider the bracketing of the bill. What have you got to lose? If you wait a month...a week, two weeks, and we haven't come up with anything better, you've got the votes now, you will have the votes then. If, in the meantime, by some quirk of fate, by some act of God, by some other situation, you learn something, it can only improve and enhance the bill. If you pass the bill that is less than what you can pass, you're not doing the job which you want to do. I ask you to support the bracket motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: And the question is the bracketing of LB 592