

until April 17. Those in favor of that motion please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record. Record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 1430-31 of the Legislative Journal.) 16 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to bracket.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion fails. Anything else, Mr. Clerk, on the bill?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: We're back to the motion offered this morning by Senator Lindsay to advance the bill. Discussion? Senator Abboud, followed by Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President and colleagues, just a couple of short comments, then we can move on to some other bills. This bill, as I said before, talks and deals exclusively with drug dealers. This bill does not solve all of our problems that we're going to be facing in regards to cocaine and crack use in the State of Nebraska, but it is a step in the right direction. When we look around the country and we see the violence and the upheaval that cocaine and crack have caused I think it's worth the chance in taking a good chance on this particular bill. The statistics show, as in Los Angeles, it doesn't look like it's going to slow down. It's going up and with it goes the increase in the amount of murders, gang-related murders as they fight over the turf and bystanders get shot, not to mention the tragedy that befalls the individuals using the drugs. Senator Chambers has raised some very legitimate issues in regards to our drug fight here in Nebraska but, on the other hand, it doesn't mean that we can say...and say we have problems in this state, let's all work together to try to...try to solve the problem and I think that's what this bill does. I think you're going to end up with a lot of people in prison anyway. We have laws on the books for individuals using crack and cocaine. The use is going up. You're going to have an increased use and the only way you're really going to deal with stopping this is by preventing it either at the borders, stopping the stuff coming in from...cocaine coming in from Columbia or once it's in the country to try to prevent it from coming into our state. That's what the bill is aimed at. I think it will accomplish that goal. I urge the advancement of the bill. Thank you.