

their community, they are entitled to make the whole law throughout the state accommodate a small geographic area in west Omaha habituated by people whose parents cannot control them. They do terrible things. They've threatened people who drive by. They drink. They engage in drugs. They sell drugs. They have groups that clump together, and in short, their conduct fits every definition of gang activity, but they are never described as gangs, never, despite the fact that the conduct is the same. So it is not conduct that these laws go after, it is the individuals who engage in that conduct, and there is a selective type of law enforcement, even beyond those things that I have said. Our job and role as legislators, our job and our role are to craft careful criminal statutes, and this is a criminal statute.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The cardinal rule is that the statute first must clearly define the conduct that is prohibited so that a person will know in advance whether what he or she is doing will run him or her afoul of the law, and with the discussion that we have had here, with Senator Abboud, whose bill it is, we are not sure what conduct would run somebody afoul of the law, and if those who make the law don't know, how about the citizen who is neither a lawyer or a lawmaker. As they say in cases where each side will bring experts, if the doctors disagree, what is to become of the poor lay person who is a juror, and today we happen to be the doctors, and we disagree. I think it is a very broadly and poorly drawn bill and I think the subject does not lend itself to more careful drafting. By trying to incorporate it into the existing law, we commit the offense that Jesus said don't do.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Don't put...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I would give the balance of my time to Senator Chambers to finish that eloquent sentence.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am not going to finish that on your time,