

only a few hundred of them. They can't get involved in politics. They don't have enough money to make any contributions, and most of them are at a stage in their life where they really don't care to get involved. You can make a lot more political hay by introducing almost any other kind of bill, but I can tell you that unless you have a proper judicial system in place, unless it is staffed with the proper kind of individuals, then the rest of what we do on this floor is not going to be of much consequence. At some time, you are going to wonder why. I can't help but notice in the paper this morning there is a full section almost devoted to the war on drugs, but I can tell you this, ladies and gentlemen,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...no matter how much money this Legislature throws into the war on drugs, and we have been doing that for 20 years, no matter how much emphasis we place upon the law enforcement, no matter how many tools we give them, no matter how many new prisons we build, unless you have the proper individual sitting on the bench to make the proper decision relative to the offender who is before him, it isn't going to make much difference. You are not going to curtail the war on drugs. The judge is going to make that decision. Now you can have a hanging judge, you can have an easy judge, you can have a smart judge or a less intelligent judge, but it is the way their system is perceived to be to the individuals who carry out the trade that is going to have more impact upon the so-called drug traffic than any other one thing. So, Senator Chambers, I am going to reserve judgment. I don't know if I am going to vote for your amendment or not. If I thought you had a chance in the world to get the votes, I would support it, but I do not want to participate...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...in what they call the reverse auction where we start at the twenty and go on down. I at least appreciate your going in the other direction.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, fellow Senators, this, as I understand it, this amendment calls for a 50 percent increase in contrast to the 20 percent that is in the bill. It