

after the fact that the individual was being charged with the criminal side of the activity, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What becomes of the Fifth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution protecting a person against self-incrimination? I know it's a trivial thing to those who are in the drug war, thank you, Senator Conway, but it is a very serious matter to me. Civil liberties can easily be trampled when we can convince ourselves that we're only dealing with the scum of the earth. But even somebody accused of being of the scum of the earth persuasion, the Constitution still has validity and must be applied. To require, by one law, that a person does something that acknowledges a violation of the law, then to mandate that that self-confession be used in a criminal proceeding guts the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution. First of all, you could say that the payment of the tax and the admission were coerced. So maybe it couldn't be usable for any purpose. But what this bill does is to create a lot of difficulties, it complicates the law. And, contrary to what Senator Conway wants to indicate, it does cast an aura of legitimacy around the selling of drugs. It's not too peculiar to me that the Orr administration now supports this pernicious legislation when in days past that administration opposed it. The Governor has now begun to lead the charge in the war against drugs in Nebraska. That terminology is not correct. Wars are fought against people. When you read statements by the police,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...they vent their spleen against individuals, not substances. What is really being recommended is a war against certain people. And the certain people who will be the casualties are not the drug dealers, but those who live in the communities and have no participation in this activity. They will be the ones set upon by the police, stopped for no reason, harassed, treated as criminals. I had to intercede just last week on behalf of a lady who had been stopped by the police supposedly for driving through a stop sign because her wheel hit some ice and she slid part way into an intersection before being able to stop. When I arrived on the scene, the officer had been there for a number of minutes and he was shouting at her telling her she had to stay in her car, and I asked was she under arrest. She said, no; I said, she doesn't have to stay in her car, and I told the lady she could exit her