

to sound very naive, people in public office who try to sound very naive about the drug scene do so in order that people will say, well, this person knows nothing about drugs,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...rather than look at that person's finances, look at that person's activity, look at that person's junkets around the country, look at that person's connections. You tell me that there could be a black man who would load people on a jumbo jet and fly them over the ocean, and people would not wonder where he got his money from. And this same man can hire the head of the narcotics division of the Omaha Police Division to do private security work at his house when he's having parties. You let that be a black man and consider the kind of questions that would be asked. And let there be a black mayor and this black man is a friend of the mayor, you see what happened to Marion Barry in Washington, D.C. He's not the only mayor in this country who has connections with people who deal in drugs.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Senator Schmit, on the Chambers amendment to the Conway amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President, Senator Chambers always deals directly with an issue which is refreshing in itself, even though I don't agree with what he's doing. I do not believe we ought to legalize drugs. I don't think it will work. I think it will, in fact, be a...it would be a major mistake. But I think we ought to listen to some of what he is saying because the selective enforcement of the law, whether it has to do with drugs or any other aspect of violation of the law, has been a most serious concern for people in this state for a long time. The selective enforcement of the law relative to drugs is well known. And one of the concerns we have had many times, as we've tussled and argued over these various issues dealing with drugs, is how do you address the issue of the weak and the folks who do not have influence, who are found involved in drug traffic, as opposed to the rich and powerful. There has never been, there has never been a major effort, as far as I'm concerned, to really stamp out the drug trade at the level at which it ought to be taken care of. There is a renewed emphasis now upon punishment of the user. But, ladies and gentlemen, if we're going to do that, you better go back to the budget committee and double, or triple, or quadruple the number of persons that work