

for the Highway Patrol, you better do a lot of other things, you better double, triple, quadruple all law enforcement personnel because every individual out there is going to...is going to be suspect. Ladies and gentlemen, I learned a long time ago that you control weeds by controlling the plant. You do not allow the musk thistle to go to seed and then try to trace down, and trace down 30,000 seeds. You chop off the plant. The drug situation is exactly identical. You stop the multimillion dollar airplane that brings the dope in and you stop all those people who are getting it otherwise. You're not going to have the interest, I'm sure, because those persons have political connections, they have financial connections, and we know they exist. I have been told by law enforcement persons who are knowledgeable, who have fought it for years, that there is no way that drug traffic can exist in some of these areas without at least the acquiescence of a certain element of the official law enforcement community. Now that's a terrible indictment but, ladies and gentlemen, let me tell you, you don't have enough man power, you do not have enough resources to pick up every young person on the street that is smoking a marijuana joint. And I don't think it's very productive. But if you stop the source, I think you can do it. They'll tell you, well, we can't...we can't stop the source. If you can't stop the source then, ladies and gentlemen, you cannot stop it by abusing the kids that get on the stuff for one reason or the other. And so I oppose the Chambers amendment, but I'm saying very strongly that we have to recognize that you have got to make a major commitment to terminate the transportation and the trafficking of drugs by those individuals who are financially and politically powerful. If you haven't got the courage to do that, then we're just whistling Dixie.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion on the amendment to the amendment? If not, Senator Chambers, to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, when sweeps are made through communities to arrest the "druggies", they're poor communities, always poor communities, always nonwhite. The jails are filling up. The prisons are filling up, and they are being filled with people who are sick. You're rounding up junkies and addicts. You make alcoholism a disease, because it's a white people's addiction, and there are so many white people addicted to it that it's called a disease, not a defect in character. Drugs are viewed as a black person's problem, a black community's problem. I'm going to circulate