

get enough money, stealing, whatever, but hadn't become a seller, now the only way open to get the drugs or the cost of drugs is to sell. Is it possible that people could become sellers who are not now sellers?

SENATOR CONWAY: I think that would have to be speculation in that regard.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. That is very likely and it has happened and one of the favorite tactics that the sellers use, the dealers, is to get a person in a position where they use the drugs but cannot afford to pay the cost of them, then they become sellers. And Senator Conway knows that to be the case but with this bill, as with so many other things, there is no concern...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...about the impact it's going to have in the communities where drugs are a serious problem. So you're going to pass this cosmetic bill. I'm kind of disappointed that Senator Schmit and Senator Hall are supporting it. They don't have the same kind of problem in Lincoln so maybe that accounts for Senator Landis and others supporting it, who surprised me. But this is what I'm going to accept because we must believe that this time next year there will be a smaller amount of drugs sold. There will be fewer pushers because this tax is going to run them out of the state when no other method can do it and the problem is going to be diminished in Omaha. And when I come back next year and that turns out to be the case, I'm going to thank you all for being much more wiser than I am, for understanding the problem much better than I think that I understand it and showing that despite my protestations you put in place a law, as I say again over my protestation, that did more good to solve the drug problem than anything that I ever thought of recommending.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But since I am unconvinced, I still will vote against it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall, followed by Senator Landis.