

research and we do so many things that those who are afflicted with the disease suddenly do not even rank among the principal priorities of activity. And it comes back to what I said earlier, bureaucracy after bureaucracy. We set them up, we're going to fight this, fight that, and the bureaucracy only tends to administer themselves and forgets about the problem they were set up to control. I don't...I am not enamored with this bill. I put my name on the bill principally to call some attention to it, and we know...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...that there will be a few instances where the bill...the law, if it is passed, will be enforced. I don't know that it's going to raise much money. I don't know that it's going to do much to discourage the traffic of drugs. It's probably going to put some people out of business and put some people into business, but until this state has a broad overall tax or overall policy where it's well known that drug traffickers are not going to be tolerated, you're going to have drug traffic in Senator Chambers' district, in my district and in every other district. Ladies and gentlemen, I don't think that this Legislature is going to do anything of substance to stop the drug traffic. I don't think the Governor is going to do anything of substance because to do so is going to require a commitment of funds which we are not willing to make. And so then the public bears the cost. The public bears the cost of the crime wave that is required...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to support the drug wave. And, ladies and gentlemen, it's one...this bill comes very close to those requirements that I usually cite where it does very little, nothing, helps no one, hurts no one, etcetera, but it is something. And I don't know what else to do because we're not going to appropriate the money to law enforcement and demand that they enforce the war on drugs. We're not going to do it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, followed by Senators Kristensen and Chambers.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members, the only reason I stand and speak is that this is very similar to what currently takes place at the federal level. The drug