

year. What kind of drug crime will the finding of fingerprints aid in solving?

SENATOR GOODRICH: If, for example, a "stash" is found and it has fingerprints on it which are, as you know, can be lifted and placed, if we had this system, for example, it could be placed in this system, that system would then identify who that was if the person was from this general community, the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, this is...this is more gadgetry and I can understand law enforcement wanting it. If you told them you had a gun that fired a bullet that would go through six vehicles without its force being diminished any at all, they'd want that. They would like to have this street sweeper device which is a shotgun that shoots shotgun shells like a machine gun. They'd love that. They'd like to carry machine guns. They want machine pistols. A lot of them are like children and they like these new toys, but there has been no demonstration and nobody on this floor can demonstrate to me that the reason crimes are going unsolved is because they cannot link a fingerprint with a perpetrator nor, and Senator Goodrich was completely honest, nor can anybody show that the majority of crimes are solved because of fingerprints. This is a very expensive, unnecessary system and I don't blame the State Patrol and these other people for trying to get their gadgets while all the politicians during a year of politics are talking about fighting crime, catching all the drug dealers by taxing illegal drugs, by increasing the penalty on a small amount of marijuana, we're going to clean up the society and get rid of all the criminals and the latest in that scheme, that gimmick is AFIS. Senator Langford mentioned that there is three states, is that correct, that have this system?

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That do not have it, so there are 47 states that have it. Now, with the crime waves in these states, 47, how much testing does it take you to show that the system does not justify its cost? Not one of those states can show that their crime rate has diminished as a result of this system because if you read the crime statistics of any state, and you can find them in publications put out by the U.S. Justice Department and the F.B.I., crime rates are increasing. They are going up. And not in one place where one of these systems was