

We know of instances of addicts who wanted to get in a center but there was no place to go.' Roth stopped short of advocating legalization of some drugs, but he noted that a number of people in the country have called for such a change. Whatever the course of action, he said, the country so far has failed in its attempts to control drug abuse. Although television news shows often show law enforcement officers making spectacular drug busts, he said, they don't show the large amount of drugs that enter the country unnoticed. 'You ever see those shows from Africa where you've got the herd of zebras and a couple of lions? Roth asked. One of the lions kills a zebra and then all the lions stand around eating it. Meanwhile, there are still 8 million zebras. Well, we're like the lions and the zebras are the drug dealers.' Some people have called for construction of more jails for drug offenders, Roth said. That plan has little merit, he said, considering the large number of people who use drugs and the small number of beds in jails and prisons. 'We just spent \$7 million to build an annex at the county jail, he said. We got 350 more beds and it's already full.' Others have called for more police officers, he said. But the drug problem is so extensive, he said, that more police would result in more arrests with no place to put the prisoners. 'We'd bring the criminal justice system to a grinding halt,' he said. Most law enforcement efforts in the past targeted drug dealers, he said, but that didn't work. Then the effort was aimed at the countries where much of the illegal drugs are produced, he said, and that didn't work. 'You try to tell a peasant not to grow coca leaves because Joe Schmoe in Detroit is blowing it up his nose, Roth said, and it just doesn't mean anything. That's a cash crop.' Lately, Roth said, the ware has shifted to the drug users. That has had little impact, he said, because of the staggering number of people who use drugs." That is from the sheriff. The sheriff is trying to say that what is being done here hasn't worked in the past, it is not going to work now, and I am adding this, but it makes very good political fodder, very good political fodder, and that is all. Senator Johnson, I understand very well what it is you are talking about.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But legislation cannot always be crafted to reach the specific result that you have in mind and part of that is because of the sentencing schedule or the punishments that have been affixed to crimes existing in the statute right now. There are such wide ranges of punishments for the same crime