

couple of things, Senator Chambers so nicely passed around the quotes from Sheriff Roth and the solution, quoting from this article Roth said, is a combined effort of education and treatment. Businesses should demand a drug-free workplace. We are establishing a drug-free workplace as a space. Children should have the antidrug message drilled into them regularly, he said. These signs, everyone of them, are drug free...these signs that are put up around our schools are antidrug messages, which our children will see daily, and which people talk about, and in their talking reaffirm the fact that we want, yes, the whole state to be a drug-free zone, but we have got to start with little pieces at a time. It also goes on to quote that the war has shifted to the drug users, and that is right, and that has had little impact because of the staggering number of people who use drugs. So what do we do? We just give up then. We just give up. We just say, hey, we don't do this little bit, and this little bit, and this little bit. Well, I am not giving up, and I think that by establishing these zones in Omaha we have accomplished something. We have started people talking about it and the drug-free zones are working, and the federal courts are prosecuting under this law. It is a law now. I hate to tell you guys but there is circles now 1,000 feet around all of these things, around...we have taken 976 from the federal legislation. Federal law has already interpreted through court decisions and it has been found constitutional because they have said that we have a higher duty to children, and that means that where our children congregate, we have a higher duty to protect them. And it isn't protection of the playground, it is protection, or the school, or the video arcade, it is protection for the children who congregate there. We are talking about places where our children congregate. We have them now. We protect those spaces through federal law and Congress has said, yes, that is a little piece of what we should do. Now, what you have in your packets are letters from all across Nebraska that say, hey, we don't have access to federal courts. We don't have access to this kind of prosecution. We want our county attorneys to have that ability. We want that same ability. Lahners said in our Judiciary hearing that they can't handle it, and besides that, they are located in the eastern end of the state, and people on the western end of the state say we want that same opportunity...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...to send that same message to kids. You