

proportion to drug use, because when they want to make the sweeps and give the impression they are fighting drugs, they are really fighting black people under the rubric of fighting drugs. To continue with the article, "Although drug use is broad-based, the enforcement falls on the underclass, says American University Criminologist, James Lynch. USA TODAY'S wide ranging analysis, first ever of drug arrests reported to the FBI, found blacks in 1988 made up 38 percent of drug arrests, up from 30 percent in 1984, but blacks make up only about 12 percent of those who regularly use illegal drugs." They make up 12 percent of those who use drugs, but 38 percent of the arrests. That is disparity even in South Africa. Here is another quote, and you have this. I am trying to select items that will bear directly on the issue. "Black males comprised a vastly disproportionate number of people being arrested, says Barry Krisberg, K-r-i-s-b-e-r-g, President of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. Drug czar William Bennett declined to be interviewed on the analysis's findings. 'What's the beef,' said his spokesman, Don Hamilton." The drug czar's spokesman is saying black people are arrested out of proportion to their use of drugs, what is the beef? That is America. Racism is of the warp and woof of America. Racism is as American as apple pie. "'There are few treatment centers available in the minority community,' says Arlene Williams of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. 'The only stopgap measure is to arrest them and lock them up.'" Here is an interesting item from the Lincoln Star, dated October 12th, 1989. "Two percent of blacks use cocaine. Today 98 percent of all black Americans over the age of 12 do not use cocaine, including crack."

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: "And 90 percent of them never use the stuff. As for crack, itself, a particularly dangerous form of cocaine, it is used by fewer than 1 percent of all blacks and used by fewer than 1 percent of the 12- to 25-year-olds, the group thought to be most at risk. These statistics offered by the Ombudsman of The Washington Post show the inaccuracy of a popular impression that the drug problem is a black problem. This incorrect impression is an undesirable side effect of the barrage of media stories about the problems created by drug abuse." Racism is what we are talking about and this is a racist piece of legislation. Is my time up, Mr. Chairman?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Fifteen seconds.