

well, maybe that one starts to make sense. But right now that's not the principle in 976. And since we don't have time to spend between now and tomorrow to work out any additional language, I'm going to offer this amendment again. The amendment is to strike the...should the Johnson amendment be attached to 976, that those become the operative sections of the bill. That is the superior public policy. Make it, without regard to where the child is, a crime of serious consequence to sell drugs to the kid. Don't premise that crime or that penalty on the location, premise that crime on the fact that this is a child of tender years whom you are subverting, and make the action of doing that, without regard to geography, a very heavy sanctioned act by passing the Johnson amendment to the exclusion of the existing provisions of 976. I move the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to bracket LB 976.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, my bracket motion says bracket it until April 10th. I'm prepared to stay here all night on this bill, or whatever we have to do, and I have some other amendments up there, because this is a terrible bill and I'd rather see nothing done with it at all. I don't believe the bill can be put in a decent form. I'm going to be very blunt, as I've been before. This kind of trash legislation, if it is placed on the books, is not going to be employed and used all over the state because present drug laws that could be enforced all over the state are not being enforced there. They're being used as an excuse and a facade to come into my community, and the communities of poor people who are not black, by the police, some of whom are like marauders. There is an investigation underway right now in the Omaha Police division where a lady has alleged that she was assaulted while in jail. She went there, wound up at some point not being awake, and when she awakened her tampon had been taken from her, she was bleeding, and some parts of her clothing had been torn from her. I called the public defenders office and said before the lady goes to jail I want to be sure she has some clothes, because she and her mother called me, she was going to jail for bond setting, and she said her clothes were ripped, she had blood all over her and that's the way they were going to take