

these teenagers off to jail and say they're a part of a big drug dealing ring and they've got a fraction of an ounce of cocaine, and a few hundred dollars, and this is a success in the war on drugs. And I got all of these people in this Legislature, all of those police officers, the state troopers who are going to brag to you all about all they're doing, take their little dare programs into these white schools where the kids are dealing drugs and know that all that cop had better do is come up there and beat his gums about dare and don't use drugs, he better not try to arrest anybody who is selling, he had better not. And I've issued the challenge over and over; do you see the World-Herald write about it? No. But they'll write day after day about some black youngster being grabbed with a fraction of an ounce of this or that, and you want to tell me it's not racism. And that Senator Langford says she's sick of hearing me, you think I'm not sick of what goes on down here, you think I'm not sick of these people? I'm talking about my community. Then you all want to have your little gatherings and your meetings and invite some black person there to entertain and amuse you, about what can we do about the drug problem. Let's have a task force, and then we'll complete...we'll report every word said at the task force. Let's go out to the theater in Omaha where they have opera and acts and the World-Herald is there to report all of this stuff we've heard over and over and over ad nauseam, cause that's what you can report, because that's your job. And we watch it. And you all have a monster in your neighborhood. And you think that by focusing on us and abusing us you're doing something with the problem. You really are because you see us as the problem. And pretending to do something about drugs, you can do to us the things that you want to do. But there are young black men and young black women who see the things that happen to their parents. They're aware when they go to get the job, they're turned away...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and said to be not qualified. They know when they go get the job their application is not even taken, then you send cops among our young people to brutalize them as though every one of them is a gang member, a drug dealer or a criminal. So when these young men begin to get weapons and they develop the idea that it's their responsibility to protect and defend their community, then a lot of you all are going to be hollering for stiffer drug...for stiffer penalties when things begin to happen to those who bring the violence into our