

to the law enforcement part of the equation. I urge the body to advance LB 742 to make it that much riskier for drug dealers to approach our young people. That is a view that is shared by the County Attorneys Association, the anti-drug organization such as Pride and school community teams, parents, law enforcement and many others who testified in favor of the bill at its public hearing over the past two years. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on this bill? Seeing none, Senator Pirsch, have closing? Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I just...if Senator Pirsch or Senator Lowell Johnson would simply address a simple issue as we...bills like this which I am full of support but, obviously, how would this bill, if at all, affect the prison situation in the State of Nebraska? If Senator Pirsch wants to answer that or Senator Lowell Johnson, they can have the remainder of my time to do that.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, obviously, Senator Moore, what we are hoping that this will do is to detour and to enter into the drug interdiction to our youth which in the long run, if we can continue the decline of hooking our children on drugs and alcohol, that in the long run this will indeed be less drug problem, less drug crime and reduce that problem. A great many...well, in fact, I had the percentage here of those in our prisons, are drug related. As I said, we have to attack it on all fronts, but what we need to send the message clear is to tell those who would prey on our youth and get them addicted, we should treat more severely and if that means that they would be put into jail, then so be it, but we want them off of our streets.

SENATOR MOORE: It's still on my time, and I guess the last couple sentences there concern me a little bit and so be it, I don't disagree with that, but I'm just trying to search for some estimation of what it does to that problem. I know there is not a fiscal note on this and maybe between now and Select File, if I can work with you to try and develop some idea of what sort of impact it will have in the future, and I guess that's all I...if you need to say anything more than that, Senator Johnson, you can use my time.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Thank you, Senator Moore. We have been