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terrible thing. But we can do ourselves better, I believe, by trying to put our funds other places besides this, considering the apparent presentation that Senator Pederson mentioned as to the effectiveness. I wasn't...I also am willing to accept the Appropriations Committee decision on this, since they did hear all that and have to make those difficult decisions. So with that, I oppose Senator Pederson's amendment. I will support Senator Chambers, although if his gets adopted, I'd still...I would still oppose Senator Pederson's amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I just had a conversation with a person in the hallway who is for this that Senator Pederson is trying to do, and I mentioned my strenuous opposition to what Senator Pederson is trying to do. The program is worthless anyway. And as you would expect any good advocate of an idea to do, an attempt was made to show me the benefit to my community, as well as others, of these drug task forces. They don't work in my community. There are black people who've given addresses of crack houses and places where drugs are being dealt, and the police don't go there. When drugs are being dealt in a community, the way to make money is through volume sales. People know where the drug dealers are and who they are. I was told that 400 arrests had been made out in the area of Scotts Bluff County, and I pointed out to that naive person that you don't have 400 drug dealers, as I reckon dealers, in that area, because you have to have a market. There are too many dealers. Those are junkies. Those are users. In the example I gave: I'm a junkie, Senator Connealy is a junkie, and I share with him what I got if he'll give me, say, enough money to go to get a can of beer or something that I want. In other words, we make a trade of some kind. Since I gave him some dope in exchange for something, I now am a dealer. So when these cops give these bogus figures of having arrested several hundred dealers in a sparsely populated area of the state where there may not be that many people buying the drugs, it shows the sham of this whole thing. And I don't care what they're doing in Scotts Bluff County or anyplace else when in the place where I live...and I live in the black community. I don't live out on