

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and Members of the body. I rise number one to first of all, say that I'm going to vote to override the Governor. Now that is not to say that the Governor is all wrong. I think this is the most difficult problem facing this country today and I'm not sure that anyone has an exact answer. I think the Governor is well intentioned but I, I do believe that we have such a serious problem here that I think the case can be made for more of these investigators, but I'd also like to come to the defense of my good friend, Senator Whitney, which was implied that no thought is given to the drug problems in budget and as a matter of fact, three or four of us traveled the State from one end to the other on mental health, drug abuse and alcohol problems and we are interested in these problems. We have come forth with bills that will deal on the other side of the picture with the treatment and what we can do for people and I think Senator Carpenter allowed as how we are only doing peanuts in this area and I think we need to do more in both areas. The one area we're not talking about up here is programs and Senator Moylan touched on it, that we need counseling and I agree 100% and I hope, in all of this discussion on drugs, we don't lose sight of the fact that it is not enforcement alone but it is the coordination within the community of programs that can help these young people and keep them from going on drugs and indeed if they do go on drugs, to give them some help and I hope when the time comes to consider these types of programs that we will be equally realistic and try to do something for the young people besides just hiring investigators.

SPEAKER: Senator Fred Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Mr. Speaker, a few days ago when we passed this bill, sometime shortly after we passed it, somebody told me authentically that word had come from the Governor's office I think through Mr. Krivosha, that the Douglas County, if I'm correct now, the Douglas County Attorney's office and the Douglas County Omaha Police Department didn't think that this bill, what it provided, would do any good or that it was needed or that these investigators were needed. Is there anybody on the floor who can enlighten me on this? Anybody--somebody, this word was brought in here by Mr. Krivosha, it was told to me and I don't remember who it was. If nobody can I'll pass it up, maybe somebody--if Senator Chambers would, I'd like, Senator Chambers, have you got a minute? Have you got a minute's time? Yes, I'd like to ask

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