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SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, we seem to have a mania for dodging issues and being afraid to pass bills that may be constitutional or not. To me this is not a constitutional matter at all. It is a moral issue and I don't know how many of you have raised your families. I don't know how many of you have grandchildren in the age range that we are talking about but I do. I don't know who is raising Senator Chambers' family, whether he or his ex-wife is but it is a job no matter who is doing it and we need exactly all the help we can get from the State of Nebraska and to me it looks plumb foolish for us to allow paraphernalia to be sold in the state that uses products that are illegal in the State of Nebraska. Now that is being stupid and I don't know how you can help parents more than to pass a law to say it is wrong and that the stuff is illegal and when your kids come to you and say, hey, Joe bought some paraphernalia or whatever it might be, then you can say, don't do it. It is illegal. It helps. Some of them will go do it anyhow but at least you have a weapon. When the stuff is legal to be bought from the store how are you going to keep your family from buying it and if they buy the paraphernalia they are going to get the rest of it to go with it. So I certainly support Senator Nichol in his effort to try to get a little bit of control on this issue this session. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kahle, I rear my children. I don't know who rear your grandchildren but if you want to bring families in, if you did a better job of rearing your grandchildren you wouldn't have to worry about them buying drug paraphernalia like I don't have to worry about mine buying. I don't have to follow behind my children and sniff behind them to see what they are going to do. I am an example of what I tell them. I don't drink. I don't smoke. I don't mess with these young pages. I don't do any of those kind of things so I am not worried about that at all but the day you want to find out who rears my children come talk to me. Hear? And if you want to bring certain things up on the floor of the Legislature let's have at it because I can take it and I can give it and this is a white people's problem. Middle class white people who can not deal with their children, that is who was down there at the hearing. They were the ones who said they didn't know where their children were. They were the ones who said their children brought this stuff home and they didn't know what it was for and when they found out they were shocked and dismayed. If a child in the ghetto had money to spend the money would be spent on the dope, Senator Kahle, and not on these trinkets and