

released from prison, go back to a job, I'm very much enthused about this and I don't believe that we need this legislation which I'm sure that we are going to get this whole new concept that they have over at Des Moines, Iowa.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Fowler. Passing? Any further discussion now of the motion to indefinitely postpone. Are you all through discussing the issue. Alright if you are through discussing it, Senator DeCamp you may close on your motion. Senator DeCamp is now closing on his motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I'm going to do something a little bit unusual now. I talked in theory and philosophy a lot in here. There is a theory engineering wise that says that the bumble bee can't fly and the helicopter won't fly. As a practical matter it works and helicopters bounce all over the world. In theory by labelling something penal reform and this kind of thing in theory this may sound harsh at \$75 but all I'm telling you is to look at the practical effects of what this law has done in three years and look how it has worked. It has reduced the prison population, it has made it so that all of these offenses are handled on a local level except the most severe and it has made it possible for somebody to be gotten under control, and put in a position to make restitution when he is still capable of it. It is not a kindness and you are not doing a favor to any human being when you give him the right to go to far into a crime before you get control of him. That is all that I am saying. What is on the books and the way it is being applied is working and it is not doing any of the bad things that they suggest. Not a one. It is doing all of the good things that they claim that they want. Lets just leave the law where it is and not be tampering with it on a theory and on labelling it penal reform. I'm all for penal reform but it has got to be realistic.

PRESIDENT: Question is shall LB568 be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor of postponing the bill will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? The motion is to indefinitely postpone LB568. Have you all voted? Once again the Chair would ask, have you all voted?

CLERK: 26 ayes, 16 nays Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Bill is indefinitely postponed. That brings up the General File debate of LB293. Excuse me, Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, some people in here have a great interest in this and have asked that we could lay this over until tomorrow and have....a...a...I would ask unanimous consent that we might lay this bill over until tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson asking unanimous consent to lay 293 over until tomorrow. Senator Goodrich do you object? Yes or no.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I would just like to call Senator Simpson's attention to the fact that we sit the conference for this on Monday, so how can we take it up tomorrow when we haven't had our conference until Monday. Can we say till next Tuesday? Then we would be prepared.

PRESIDENT: Well I was only sending it back one day to take care of some people who had not read it....I want everybody