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heavy load of the office of sheriff. Because modern days theorems of criminal corrections in high population density areas are best balanced in a public form of open ideas and debate. That is quite a few words to be going into statute. I'm not really sure what the...what the intent is there. I guess it says something. But such a structure would enable county boards to constitute themselves as county boards of corrections in order to supply such open ideas and debate while the sheriffs of such counties would be released to pursue more fully their primary duties as law enforcement officers. Ladies and gentlemen, I submit to you that this bill was hastily conceived. There may have been testimony at the public hearing before the Legislature regarding the thoughts behind this bill as to when it came about and why it came about. I don't recall seeing the news media in Omaha prior to this public hearing anything regarding this bill in the county board setting itself up as a board of corrections. I think it's a very dangerous precedent. I agree with Senator Fellman to the point that the correction ideas are changing. But why do we come before the Legislature and have one county, one county board I should say, decide that it's going to be a board of corrections. Upon what precedence is this based? Are there other large counties across the country that have done this? Possibly so. I don't know that to be a fact but if they have, I would hope that it had been done with a modicum, at least a modicum of research. This bothers me that a county board and not just because it's my county board, but that a county board would prevail upon this Legislature to set itself up as a Board of Corrections. I think there's some innuendos that just haven't been made public here that...is the current sheriff not doing his job? What are the reasons for this? And I would hope that despite the heavy load of business that we hope to get through here today that the conscience of this Legislature would be thoroughly searched and that we would, hopefully in my opinion, say look, you guys show us some surveys, some reports, something other than the fact that you want to be a Board of Corrections. And I would hope that you would support Senator Kime in his effort here to strike the enacting clause on LB782.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Again you're going to put some people in a bind. You senators from Omaha and Senator Syas is always talking about this. We now have the case where this just affects Douglas County and we've got Omaha senators going back and forth. Now, what are we supposed to do to help Douglas County? Which way do you want people to consider this? Senator Fellman's idea which sounds good. We heard it in Judiciary. And Senator Snyder now stands up and wants it killed. So you really, you know, put people in a bind. It would have been nice if the Douglas County delegation could get together and come out solid on the floor for an issue such as this. And it would make it a lot easier for the rest of us senators. And I wouldn't like to delay it any longer except to say what do we do now, flip a coin?

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett, are you calling for the question? Is there anybody else that wants to speak on this? Well, I have to put the question. I have.....

SYAS: Janing stand on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Wait a minute, Senator Barnett. You called