

SENATOR STONEY: To answer that question, Senator Simon, I do not feel that the laws are being presently enforced in the way that they should be.

SENATOR SIMON: What can we do then, and I have no problem with the bill, I think that it is reasonable, but what could we do, and this doesn't exactly address your aspect of it, but what can we do to see that more people are sentenced, that more people are prosecuted?

SENATOR STONEY: I think maybe more of us could become judges who are sensitive to this particular problem and actually convict these individuals and either sentence them or fine them. That is up to the judges to do and, unfortunately, I do not feel that the enforcement is what it should be and I would hope that they do something to change this.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I guess one of my problems here with some of the arguments that have been presented is that I do believe that judges are basically reasonable and that they wouldn't impose a type of punishment on someone that they would think would be a detriment to them or anything else and I don't see a lot of the great problems that other people are talking about. As I see this bill working, someone who litters a great deal would be asked to perhaps clean up a park or something that would be associated with the crime or the problem of littering. I think that is a reasonable thing and I don't see all the problems of liability and everything else that we are discussing and I do support the bill. I think that it has some merit. It will let people know that the Legislature and the judges think that litter is a serious problem, a serious economic problem, as well, and I do wish to point out something that the bill does say that a judge may give this type of a sentence if he so desires and I think they will use proper discretion in handing out these types of sentences and I think we should pass the bill.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Reutzel. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wholeheartedly support this sort of legislation. I think that it has been too long since we have had laws pass that really get to the root of the problem. I am sure that if you were threatened with the prospect of picking up a mile of trash or debris along our highways, you would think twice before you threw out a beer can or a sack of junk out of your car and I think that the judges do have, they have some discretion. They can fine them an amount of dollars or they can take a choice and pick up litter. I kind of get caught up in this thing, especially the debate that we hear on the floor of the Legislature. It seems like we are more interested in trying to figure out a way to circumvent the law than we are to enforce it, to make it work. If that is what we are here for to try to figure out a way so that every Tom, Dick and Harry can get out of being sentenced to do something when he does a wrong and breaks the law, why this is certainly the oppositeway that I think it should be done. I think we