

they said, hey, look, we concede, we concede we need to change it. There do have to be improvements. We have to live in the 1980's and we know it. You know, so they say the present system is inadequate. The next question. Is it costly? Because if you were listening you would get the impression that this is a costly system. Are you sure it isn't the opposite, economical? You see it cost tens of thousands of dollars for dear old Ida to have all of the things that went on in that case. I would guess, I would guess on that one case alone if you took all of the time, not of this committee, not of the legislature, you took the time of the state patrol, the sheriffs, the county attorneys, the repeats, all of the things, you take all of that time, you have got the first year's financing of this plan. But let's look at another cost. What about the murder trial that doesn't have adequate evidence and it is a shaky case and it goes appeal after appeal and you keep scrambling along because from the very outset you didn't have your adequate information and evidence? What about that? The retrials of murderers who end up for whatever reasons in mental institutions or places rather than prisons or the chair. What about that cost? Finally those people that yesterday were concerned about the grain embargo, including myself, why were you concerned? Do you want me to tell you why? I'll tell you why, Dick Maresh, I'll tell you why, Martin Kahle, I'll tell you why, Loran Schmit, because it was in your goldarn pocketbook. I mean we could talk philosophy and I did, and that is a legitimate concern, but what did it get down to? You knew the problem because you were intimately involved in it. You were a part of it. You were a part of the pain. So it is awful easy to stand up here and make jokes about well we haven't buried anybody alive yet. It is awful easy to say that when you don't look at the other picture, you came home and your wife is dead and you don't have an adequate explanation. When it hits you personally you have a little different attitude. Then is when you want to know there is a system that can tell you how she got dead, why she is dead and if she is dead because somebody else did it, who did it. For every suicide or unknown cause of death that is labeled suicide when it was really a murder, remember this, there is a murderer out there. Ida Fitzgibbons murderer is somewhere out there today. He may have done more murders, I don't know. I damn well know he ought to be locked up and there is a bunch more of them. If there is one single thing government has an obligation to provide.....

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...One single thing government has an obligation to provide to you, it is protection and the fundamental cornerstone of protection is a system that examines and investigates what happened to you if you end up dead. That is all that we are doing, the cornerstone, the cornerstone of government, a