

say that ignorance of the law for a lay person is no excuse but you give ignorance of the law as an excuse for a judge? How serious do you think it is to even be charged with a felony? And you mean to tell me that a judge who is giving decisions on other people day after day after day and that is his or her job is not going to understand the nature of the charge brought? That when he or she says "guilty", he or she has not considered every way out, has not obtained legal representation? I think that is preposterous and if that is what would happen in this state then we are being told that there are incompetent people sitting on the benches of the courthouses. Judges are not in the same position as ordinary defendants. Lawyers are not in the same position. As a matter of fact, the courts have said that they should be handled more harshly than a lay person. We are talking about the individuals who make decisions as to what the law is for everybody else. We are saying that when it comes to certain things to be tried some of these quasi judges in the county, Senator Beutler, cannot rule because they are not lawyers. Then we are going to take this person who may have sat up here and looked at a defendant and say, well you should have understood what you were pleading guilty to and you are not going to be able to overturn your plea of guilty by saying you did not know the law or you did not have adequate legal representation and that has happened. Then we are going to take these individuals who sit up here as little Gods and pronounce judgments that may take away somebody else's freedom for a lifetime and say all of a sudden, he or she does not understand the law. He or she does not understand the nature of the charge brought. He or she did not know what was being done when the plea of guilty or no contest was entered. I think we ought to free these lawyers today. They cannot say other than what they are saying but we are not all under the same burden. You all know the story of the Sword of Damocles where it was hanging by a thread. They all sit under the Sword of Damocles. That tells you something about how they perceive the judiciary, how you have to snip behind them, sniff behind them, like what Mao Tse-tung referred to as a lackey boot licking running dog, because you are afraid of the judges and the reason I say these things, when Senator Johnson brought in a bill to open up to the public the proceedings of these judicial nominating commissions, one of the strongest arguments against opening it up is that the lawyers may be punished by the judges later on and the lawyers know it and because of that if you open it up they will not serve on these commissions so they are telling us the relationship between