

be a reflection on the whole system if we convict him so let the rascal go. Are some of you unaware that judges can commit crimes? There was one who was the Governor of Illinois, Otto Kerner, who sat in jail. He had to do with some corruption relative to a race track in Chicago and while he was sitting in the penitentiary he was continuing to draw his salary as a judge. That is nice when you can be in a position like that. The judges in Nebraska won't be able to draw their salary while they are sitting in the penitentiary but while they are on the way to go they will collect several \$200, go to jail and pass go. They continue to collect all the way to jail and of what value is a system like that to the upholding of the integrity and dignity of the judicial system? It serves no worthwhile purpose so I think you ought to look at this amendment and consider it. We are dealing with a pure principle. If you want to say that only after conviction should a judge be punished, then strike Section 9 and do not allow the State Supreme Court to disqualify this person from being a judge when at a later date the Supreme Court may have to reverse itself and restore that person to full judgeship with all privileges and prerogatives of sending people to the penitentiary for things that the judge may have done but didn't have to go to jail for it because he or she had friends on the judiciary. I know some drunken judges. There are some in Omaha. I know a judge who was drunk and ran into a car and she was allowed to go to some school so there would be no points off of her license. The last Chief Justice of the Supreme Court was a drunk and I pointed it out while he was on the bench and people thought that was terrible but he did not mind doing things to citizens who came before him. Now we start to cut close and people become nervous. Why? Does the fact that somebody wear robes make him or her immune? The chairman of the Parole Board has been caught drunk driving. Nothing is done about that and he will deny people furloughs or parole because they have an alcohol problem. So those in the higher echelons take care of each other, don't they? And you wonder why the citizens have contempt for a system, why there is more crime in the street? Because those whose job it is to enforce the law show that the law means nothing, not even a pop of the finger and they take care of each other and we know that will be the case. So let's just strike Section 9 altogether and do away with the hypocrisy. Let's say that until a judge has been convicted then there can be no action of a punitive nature imposed. Let us act on the principle that a person is innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, and remember, a finding of probable cause at a preliminary hearing is not a finding of guilt. There can be mistakes by eye witnesses if that is what the information is based on. There could