

of the state can violate the law and the state will not take any corrective action. I don't read that these individuals were reprimanded. They were not fired and as a result of this pussyfooting and dealing with their violations they have been copying mail. They have forged documents. They have done a host of things and some of the senators are beginning to get complaints and the reason you are getting them is because these administrators out there feel they can do anything they want to and get away with it. I think it is a serious matter that we have before us today and what we ought to remember is the purpose of the legislation, the federal legislation that allowed this suit in the first place. It is designed to correct the conduct of misbehaving public officials. They are in a position to do wrong because they have certain authority due to their position. When they act in violation of that authority then there must be responsibility placed on them. Remember, members of the Legislature, we are not talking about an employee who misunderstood a rule and therefore misapplied it. We are talking about employees who acted in direct and knowing violation of the rules of the institution and you are going to say, pay them? I don't know what is the matter with the Attorney General but if this is the kind of message he is sending out there maybe I understand now why there can be contraband gotten into the prison and I am talking about narcotics and alcohol. If the administrators know the Attorney General is not going to do anything, he is encouraging it. I thought we were concerned about law violators wherever they are found but all they need to do is become an employee for the State of Nebraska and they are exempted from the responsibility of their violations of the law. Remember this federal decision was handed down by a judge who heard all of the evidence and Judge Schatz is not a bleeding heart judge for those of you who don't know anything about the man. I might call him Judge Stoneheart.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have forty-five seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But nevertheless, after reviewing all of the evidence that was presented, placing the best possible construction on the action of these prison officials, he was forced by the facts and the testimony to find that these officials knowingly acted in direct and deliberate violation of the rules of the institution and violated the rights of an inmate. So, I am supporting Senator Johnson's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, originally I had intended to oppose Senator Johnson's amendment until I started reading some of this material which was presented to us. "The court finds that the plaintiff orally complained to the guards in the adjustment center and sent