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country incarcerates more people on a per capita basis of all the western nations. There is no other western country that incarcerates more people than does the United States on a per capita basis. We are putting young men and young women in prison after prison after prison. Do you realize that 50 percent of the states in this country are under federal court injunctions right now to relieve overcrowding in the prisons? Half the states are being enjoined by the federal courts to relieve overcrowding in prisons, and so what the states are having to do is they are having to give mass waivers of sentence to inmates to get them back out of prisons. Do you realize in this country we keep people in prisons for a longer period of time than any other western nation does? The average length of time in this country a person will be in our prison is over two years. The average length of time a person will be in prison in the Netherlands is 35 days, and the Netherlands has a far lower incidence of violent crime than does this nation. Do you realize that the Attorney General's recent report on prison overcrowding says that we will have to commit 8 to 10 billion dollars in our national resources to build space to accommodate, to accommodate every inmate under minimal provisions of 60 square feet per inmate. We will have to commit 8 to 10 billion dollars of our money just to keep people in adequate prisons. Do you also realize that the Attorney General's Commission said that only 20 percent of the people in our prisons today are violent offenders? The remaining 80 percent are nonviolent offenders i.e. the burglars, the larcenists, the...I didn't say arsonists, I said the larcenists, the thieves and the like. Most of our prison inmates are non-violent offenders. Now I think what you and I and what society wants is we want to get off our streets the people that will hurt us because I don't want to be around somebody that is going to do me in, that is going to hurt me or my children and you don't either, and those are the people we want off our streets.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I am less concerned about having off our streets in an overcrowded, understaffed facility the burglar and the embezzler and the defrauder and the like. We have got to do better in terms of our criminal justice system. Where we are right now, frankly, is we are a society that tolerates violence by unlimited availability of guns. We are a society that worship violence through our television shows and movies, and we are a society that thinks the only answer, the only answer to our criminal problem is to lock them up and throw away the key. That is not the