

is so much unconcern about the operation of the system that there are members who will say, throw them in jail and let the corrections people worry about it. You help create the conditions that produce violence. You overcrowd. You put incompetent people in as corrections officers. You allow a system to exist where officials in the pen can commit a violation of an inmate's rights, be convicted in a court and then some of you want to say that the state should pay for the judgment against him, and the Attorney General is in favor of that kind of nonsense. So the inmates have an opportunity to see that those who put them in jail do worse things than the thing that they did to get there in the first place, then there are other officials who try to cover for each other official's wrongdoing. This has to be viewed as a seamless web, not a spot here and a spot there, and you pitch and you patch. There has to be a review of the entire system and the mere enhancement of punishments and throwing everybody in jail for a mandatory sentence will not work and one reason the prosecutors do not prosecute is because they have to deal with overcrowded conditions in their county jails. And don't tell me like some of the Senators will flippantly tell reporters that we will raise the money to build more jails because the counties are crying right now about not having enough money to come up to jail standards in their existing jails. The truth is not told. There is a lot of misleading of the public because it sounds good and it makes for votes, but the conditions don't improve. And as for Senator Pirsch's mention of a coincidence of the criminal code being revised three years ago and an increase in assaults on police officers, there has been an increase in all kind of crimes in the last three years because something else coincident with that is the fact that the economy has gone to pot and a lot of people who were looking down their noses at others who had no jobs now find themselves without jobs and they are resorting to things that they condemned in others before.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have 30 seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would rather you were correct when you said 30 minutes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Sometimes it is not correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Another problem is that a bill like this or an amendment like this allows for additional wrongdoing by corrections people by resorting to selective enforcement. They can get inmates to do what they choose by saying, I will bring the charge against you and I won't bring it against