

picture is worth a thousand words I think is very true.
Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, as so often happens when I present a matter before the Legislature there are misconceptions and misunderstandings. I don't know whether it is because I don't speak English clearly or if it is because members of the Legislature are not accustomed to understanding English when they hear it properly spoken but the picture we are talking about is not of people coming into a store and stealing but of the item. The item need not be presented in evidence. The merchant can produce a photograph and say, "This is a picture of what was taken." I don't care, Senator Kahle, about them using photographs of people who were in a bank and accused of stealing. I'm like you, that wouldn't be the only evidence but that is not the photograph we're talking about and I don't think Senator Nichol was listening at all, to suggest that I was talking about narcotics being shoplifted. When you have people who don't understand the law talking about the law you run into these kind of things. The point I made is that in a prosecution for narcotics you cannot simply produce a photograph. You have to bring the evidence itself. Maybe I can make it clearer to those who are familiar with guns. If I am accused of shooting somebody with a gun, not only do they have to produce a gun, they have to establish that this is the gun. Now maybe that is clear. Even Daniel Boone could understand what I am talking about if he were here and I think he was sent to Congress at one point and I wish his spirit would walk the halls of this legislative body on occasion and whisper things in the ears of people because those ears don't understand when I speak outright. I can see that we are not looking at the issue at all. When we had the bill on shoplifting before the Judiciary Committee and the members know it, one of the main problems is that the stores don't prosecute and if the members of the committee deny that then I say they did not listen to what we were being told. That is one of the problems, they will not prosecute. Do you know what happens in Omaha now when somebody is accused of shoplifting because the store people will not show up to testify? The officer will not make an arrest unless somebody in the store says, "I am swearing out a complaint against this person right now and I am the complaining witness and you are arresting this person on the basis of my complaint, not because they shoplifted." In the past the officers would come into the store. They would say this person shoplifted and they would take them off to jail. Then when the trial date comes nobody shows