

else. There is nothing in here that requires a verification of value of the item. If this involved business transactions, one of the first things you would be up here whooping and hollering about is that I want to have some way to be sure that I am getting what I am paying for. I don't want to buy a pig in a poke. I don't want to buy grain in the silo, all such examples as that but when it comes to the integrity of the law itself, the law which so often is criticized on this floor as being inadequate, then you will do the very things that degrade the integrity of the law that make it appear like a patchwork quilt. It does not give notice or prior warning after what is involved in the law governing the people in this state. And Senator DeCamp has done what the people who talk about shoplifting always do. They talk about billions of dollars of losses throughout the country and never break it down to how much is lost within the locality that they are talking about. Senator Cope will bring his vast knowledge and understanding as a retailer to talk about shoplifting but he will not talk about the legal issue that I am discussing here. We're not even talking about shoplifting. We are talking about legality in a rule of evidence and you don't even... John Dean and former Attorney General Mitchell were sitting down listening to G. Gordon Liddy or one of those nuts talking about all kind of programs they were going to use to sabotage this person and sabotage that person and even though Mitchell himself turned out to be a crook and a gangster he was puffing these great clouds of smoke, chuckling and saying, it is incredible, it is incredible! That is what I have to say here this morning. I know Senator DeCamp knows better. He knows he knows better too and that is why he put this separation clause, that if any part is found to be unconstitutional. He knows what the problem is but this is a sop to the merchants and if it is declared unconstitutional in court, what difference does it make? The chit is out there. I did your job for you. I carried your water. Now you come through like you are supposed to come through. You all know why some of this trash legislation comes through here. We joke sometimes on the floor about it being unconstitutional and say, well, let it go to court and be tried. Probably nobody other than Senator DeCamp could have gotten this thing through here. Senator DeCamp, you cause me to have such mixed emotions I see a good mind going to waste and a good mind lost is a terrible thing to lose. Senator DeCamp's knowledge as a lawyer lets him know that this is an abomination and it ought not to be done and the lawyers who sit in this body and are afraid to be on the Judiciary Committee because they know the Bar Association will make them be water carriers and they know they would have to confront these issues and don't want to ought to hang their heads in shame too, and maybe what I ought to do is join you and stop trying to uphold the legal system that bears