

run across a piano key that stretches from California to New York, he could dance across that all the way across the country and not strike a note, he is such a pussy-footer, will come in with the very same thing and all of a sudden there is a complete conversion of everybody and they turn around and, oh, this is a great proposition because politics has reared its ugly head and the function of law making as it is supposed to be goes out the window. If you read history as I have read history, you see that the people that you praise the most now are the ones who ran into the most opposition and hostility while they were doing the very things that you praise them for now. The inconsistencies that exist are almost mind boggling. There is a man over there named Stenberg I think who said the present Republican Party reminds him of the party of Lincoln which freed the slaves. Then here is Ronald Reagan heading that party now who says that schools that segregate and discriminate against black people can continue to get tax exemptions and he says the two are the same? That is ridiculous. Then we will sit up here, well I don't go through it, stand up here and go through prayers every morning about doing this and that mainly to discharge your responsibilities and obligations. Then a proposition that is totally out of step with what the law's purposes are will be run through. In law school they say that you compartmentalize the study of law because there is so many esoteric concepts that it would be difficult to get a grasp on the whole monster if you didn't break it up into small parts but in reality the law is a seamless web. You cannot strike one part of it without the vibrations being felt throughout the entire texture of the web. That is the way the law is but before this session is over we're going to have people jumping up here talking about the criminal code is bad here, the criminal code is bad there, and they don't even understand what they are talking about. Even the gods labor in vain against stupidity, said a German philosopher. I don't think stupidity is a play here in this Legislature though. If it were, I wouldn't feel the bitterness. I would just feel frustrated. I would feel like John Mitchell and just puff a pipe of smoke and say, "incredible, incredible," but I know there is a knowledge and an awareness here on the part of a lot of people of what is being done here but there is an unwillingness to face up to what our obligation is but I shall assume mine and even though you won't vote in the way that your best judgement tells you to vote, and I can't make you do that, I certainly can speak and you will have to listen if you stay in the chamber or keep your box on in your office and maybe that is the least that I can get out of this Legislature in addition to having a transcription of what I say on the floor of the Legislature. So, Senator DeCamp, because the committee amendment is so