

here and other places and I don't know the perfect system to stop it. I don't know how to walk out there and say, okay, I have a bill now, LB 1218 that somehow is going to cure all the social ills that make young people or whoever go shoplift. I want to create a system that makes everybody happy and financially satisfied so they never shoplift. I don't have that bill. Maybe Senator Chambers does. What I do have is a proposal that clears up what exactly is shoplifting, it defines it so we know what we are dealing with. And what I have in there is a proposal for some of the way to present the evidence on it and for some of those people that are making it sound like it is mandatory, I suggest you grab your bill, read it and you will see the word is may, may use photographic evidence. Now Senator Chambers and others, photographic evidence in a courtroom is not the most novel concept that has ever come down the pike. In murder cases they rarely haul dead bodies into the courtroom and parade them around. They usually bury them and bring the photographs and the affidavits. In the case of hit and run drivers, you rarely drag the car into the courtroom, in the case of burned out buildings on arson, so the photographic evidence concept isn't like I am dropping a nuclear bomb on the whole judiciary system. It simply is one tool and clears up an area of presenting evidence on a voluntary basis and it is going to be protected with all the safeguards that exist now and as Senator Beutler's amendment certainly clarifies it even further for those that had concerns. So before you start feeling guilty as if you are all criminals for supporting legislation to stop shoplifting, I would submit to you that is what you are here for, to look at problems and shoplifting is certainly one of them and do what is reasonable legislatively to try to clear them up and I think the legislation I have proposed takes a couple big steps in that direction. And, Senator Chambers, when I get that magic combination to stop all shoplifting and all the other vices that people are subject to, I will introduce the bill but I doubt it is going to be for a while.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I wish that for once on this floor I could stand up and engage in the generalities, the misinformation, the unfactual presentations that the rest of you can get away with. My only vindication is what is contained in the transcriptions of our debate which I do distribute to people to demonstrate the poor quality of discussion on this floor. Senator DeCamp misheard what I said if he thinks I said that county attorneys and merchants are criminals. I did not say that. It shows the poor thinking