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those things based on informed judgment that they perhaps would not have us do because they don't understand. Senator Stoney also said that this is such a serious problem that he thinks the people would give the additional dollars necessary to bring about the existence of facilities to put these people who would be arrested. Now that is a paraphrase. But you will notice that when the Governor talked to you all yesterday, I wasn't here, he suggested deferring until fiscal year 1983 and '84, \$500,000 on the medium minimum security facility in Omaha. So on the one hand Senator Stoney believes more money is going to be available and you have the Governor telling you not so, not so, we are going to defer some of the money that has already been set aside for a given purpose related to providing a corrections facility. So with those considerations, I think it would be wise for the Legislature to kill this bill and if we must argue and squabble on the issue some more, let's do it on the thing that was passed yesterday. One other point that you may know and you may not know is that in Iowa for the past year....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the sheriff in one of the counties told his deputies not to make arrests for certain offenses that were minor because the jail was overcrowded and they had no place to put anybody, so don't make arrests. You have to determine what kind of people you want in jail, and if the jails are already crowded now, you are going to put the judges in a position that has been found to exist in other states, that those who have committed even serious crimes against the person, intentional crimes, will have to be released because of the overcrowding. So I think this bill ought to be killed for the reasons I have given and other reasons which you in your intelligence have determined.

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to announce 26 guests from Seward. They are from Senator Sleck's District. The teacher is Becky Reisinger. They are in the north balcony. Would you stand and be recognized, please? Welcome to your Legislature. Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature just to address some of the points that Senator Chambers had made and as you may well imagine I am not in agreement with most of them. One of the latter points that he made dealt with the subject that we visited about earlier and that is dealing with the general ignorance of the people that we represent, and I would just like to

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