

shown us how to change one thing in the state, in the United States, that has the toughest death penalty of all. But as I suggested a couple of years ago, Senator Don Wesely was in diapers the last time the death penalty was used in the State of Nebraska and there have been thousands of murders since that day and multitudes of people officially sentenced to death, and do you know what? Senator Bill Nichol, and Senator John DeCamp, and Senator Bernice Labeledz, and all the taxpayers of the State of Nebraska have financed the appeals, the new appeals, the special appeals, the special lawyers, the special courts, the special procedures that are involved whenever the death penalty comes into play and they finance both sides. And during the time these were being financed by Senator Howard Peterson on one side, let's say, and Bernice on the other to the tune of hundreds of thousands and ultimately millions, the person involved who killed people in a gory fashion or whatever was not obligated to do one second of work or any other thing that paid society back for his offense and that is the system we hold in effect and that is the hoax I suggest exists. Now it has been suggested by some people in here they would support the bill if it had a death penalty for killing of a police officer. I guess I have no objections to that because I think the issue of the death penalty is where we are really at, the general application. So if somebody wants to offer that, or I will offer that if somebody wants, if that would elicit support to get the criminal justice system in the state generally functioning in a somewhat efficient manner. I repeat again, you have not only a team that claims to be number one in football every year, but you have a certitude by documentation in national studies of the second or third most expensive criminal justice system in terms of incarceration in the United States and you aren't having those people work out there. Not one of the people on death row is ever going to have to do an ounce of work and 85 to 90% of all the other prisoners by letters I have got from the prisoners themselves aren't working. Let's start looking at the overall system instead of this obsession we have with trying to apply the death penalty. If we could apply it, I would do it. Believe me, there is nobody would like to take some people that have done hijacking or killed children or done these other horrid things,...

SENATOR LAMB: You have one minute, Senator.

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...line them up, and so to speak blow their brains out but it isn't about to happen, and while you are fixed on that, you are deluding the people that it is going to happen and you are not putting them to work.