

of this body, then I will take a look at it. But the facts are you can't do it, and as Senator DeCamp and others have pointed out here, so long as the system is in the position that it is you are going to find a contempt for the law that is far worse than what would happen if the penalty were known to be swift and certain, severe, impartial, and immediately implemented. I think that you have to recognize, and I said this before, that no one fools around the airports any more because if you even mention the word "gun" or say "boom", it doesn't make any difference if you are a politician or a pauper, bank president or laborer, you are immediately and unceremoniously hauled off to the local slammer and you are lucky if you proceed with your trip in more than a few days.

SENATOR LAMB: You have one minute, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And you will pay a substantial fine, and as a result of that, all of the emotionally disturbed people that like to raise hell do so someplace other than in an airport. But we don't do that with the death penalty, and so long as you don't enforce the penalty, it is no penalty and we ought to have enough courage to admit that we have been hiding behind a penalty which does not exist. So at this time I am going to support LB 202 and I know it is not the popular thing to do but I believe it is the responsible thing to do.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I listened to this conversation all afternoon and I felt like many of you did three years ago when the same issue was brought up. I felt that the death penalty was a deterrent, but after being on the Judiciary Committee and understanding this problem these last three years, I have a strong feeling that it is not a deterrent and it is a farce and we have got to find some way better and we need to get these people working and I think we can but we have to find ways and means. And our head of the present correctional institution, Mr. Benson, would be pleased and encourage us to find ways and means to do this because he sees a lot of need in this area. I cannot support the death penalty at this time because it is not doing any good even though I have people within my district who want me to support it. But I have a lot of them, religious people, people with a lot of feeling, and I have a lot of feeling and I feel that I have to support 202 and I am pleased that Senator Beutler and Senator DeCamp put this amendment on because it does give the prison system some more protection and