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going to have to be left with the judiciary. We can try to pass laws that impose mandatory sentences and create more problems than are solved within the criminal justice system. Sarpy County was a subject of an article not too many days ago talking about the over crowding that they are experiencing in their jails. They currently have a system whereby people serve weekends in jail. But, one of the problems there is that the regulars are those who are detainee's waiting for trial and not able to make bond have to find themselves in a cell with a number of people over a weekend. Now, human beings are as territorial as the most territorial animals you can find in the wild. If you take to much of a persons territority that he or she has staked out, then problems automatically erupt. When you begin to put to many people in a cell, there are going to be difficulties created whether it is a jail, a correctional facility at the county level or the state penitentiary. There has been too little consideraingiven to this factor throughout the discussion of this bill.

SENATOR LAMB: One minute Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Despite the fact that we may leave here with some kind of a bill passed, I hope that you will realize that we are creating by passage of this legislation, problems for those who are to be the caretakers, custodians, or warehousers of the people who will be sentenced under this bill if any are. But, if you reach a point of over crowding I believe that county attorneys and sheriff's will get together and say, don't make any arrests under these kind of bills. Threaten the person you catch, escort him home if you know him, but don't bring them to jail and there won't be any charges. Then we will have a worse kettle of fish than we have now. What is the solution? Change the attitude towards drinking. How long will that take? Quien sabe.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Question.

SENATOR LAMB: Question has been called for. Those in support vote yes, those opposed vote no. The motion is to cease debate.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? The motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted? Record.