

but by the same token the status quo is not going to correct those. LB 116, I believe, is a step in the right direction. It does provide those tools and I would reiterate that under a Class V misdemeanor, probation is not a feasible alternative. Nobody is going to accept probation instead of a \$100 fine that is going to be paid, as I think somebody has already pointed out, is going to be paid by the pimp anyway. In order to even provide some of the rehabilitative services that probation might offer or that some of the groups that testified have offered, there has to be the incentive. A \$100 fine and moving on up the street a little bit further is not going to accomplish that. I urge that LB 116 be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, then Senator Smith.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, what I think this bill and the discussion really disclosed is how difficult it is to deal with ingrained social problems by means of legislation that offers only punishment. It is easy to circumvent it by the one who is to be punished but it places a heavy burden on the system that has to administer it. Let's say that a woman is picked up for prostitution and since it carries the possibility, the conviction of this jail time, she can insist on a jury trial. Well I believe that the more serious offenses are going to be taken to trial first, so she gets out on bond and she is not on trial, she is not going to jail but she is carried on the books and the paperwork and the court's docket has to continue to accommodate more and more of these people who are asking for a jury trial. So it could be conceivably...I wish there was a criminal, I meant, an attorney who practices criminal law, oh, Senator Kristensen, I would like to ask you a question. Senator Kristensen, and I'm asking this as a question. I'm not making it as a statement. Is it the practice when jury trials or cases are going to go to trial, we know that there is a six-month requirement, six-month speedy trial. Are the more serious cases tried first or how would that be handled?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: First of all, I want to make sure that you're not insinuating the way I practice law is criminal.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's why I said a lawyer that practic...oh, yeah, however I said it, if I would have said a criminal lawyer...