

be a time of incarceration.

SENATOR LINDSAY: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if there is overcrowding right now, and more people are incarcerated, this bill does address overcrowding in a negative sense, doesn't it?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Not necessarily. I think you're forgetting that under the Omaha ordinance they're already providing jail sentences.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if this allows more, because as you know and I know that ordinance which is stricter than the state law very well could face a successful constitutional challenge. But the purpose of this is to allow increased incarceration, isn't it?

SENATOR LINDSAY: That is one of the purposes, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, if there are more people placed in a facility which is already overcrowded, won't that further overcrowd it, or will that reduce the overcrowding? In other words, if you add more people, will that reduce the number who are there or increase the number?

SENATOR LINDSAY: To an...By adding people, sure, you're going to increase.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And do you think a point could be reached, at the county level, in Nebraska as it has in other states where a court could order that no more people be placed in this facility, whatever one it is that is overcrowded?

SENATOR LINDSAY: A...sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, as I stated on General File, my criticisms are not of Senator Lindsay in bringing this bill, because he has been approached by people who see what they perceive as a serious problem.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But we have to consider our responsibility as a Legislature when we address that problem. The easy thing, the