

capricious in their operation that it was stated that justice in those courts proceeded in leaps and bounds, like the movements of a kangaroo. That is the way the Legislature tends to pass laws. Instead of looking at the criminal justice system, instead of establishing priorities, allowing the system to do that which it feasibly can do and discard these kinds of bills such as this that make a show but don't really produce justice or an improvement in the operation of the system. If we would do that, we would wind up having wise and just laws. Somebody stated that the best period in human kind during the period of recorded history is from the accession of a man called Nerva until the death of Marcus Aurelius. There was a series of a half a dozen or so rulers who had in mind, based on what we're told from recorded history, the welfare of the public, of the people. No self-seeking, no personal enrichment through corruption, no attempt to elevate the rich above the poor, no passing of laws that took regard to a persons political status, land holdings, commercial wealth or any of the things that influence courts and Legislatures today. If we had a Marcus Aurelius who was sitting in the Governor's office, I wouldn't worry about a bill such as this and some of the others that I argue against because they would be vetoed as being out of line with what a wise and just Legislature would do in terms of passing laws. This bill is not needed because it is not going to solve the problem that those who bring it are attempting to do. Harsh punishments in and of themselves have never had any influence on the commission of any crime, that is throughout history. Harsh punishments have never worked. The code of Hammurabi was very harsh, and there were rulers in other countries and civilizations who moderated those types of punishments because they did not serve a valid penological purpose. This bill, as drafted, would meet the requirements for vindictiveness, for gender discrimination, for giving a sop to an outraged element of the public, but it will not solve a problem. In addition, it will create problems for the system that we are to have concerns about. If this bill is killed, no problem in Omaha will be intensified. If the bill is passed, there are problems in the system that not only will be intensified, but new ones will be created. I hope that what you will do is kill this bill. And if there is a genuine concern about the matter of prostitution we should study that issue and look at it in its many ramifications and we, by applying our collective intelligence, can come up with. We should not just talk about putting people in jail, especially when there is the built in gender discrimination. I hope that you will vote to