

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, on its face this is a very alluring bill, as so many are. I had talked to Senator Lorraine Langford about this and told her some of the difficulties that I have with the bill. And I also told her that I would not grill her on the floor. But we do have somebody who can answer some questions, if he's willing. Senator Kristensen, would you, just so that we can lay the ground work for what we're dealing with, first. I'm not asking that you justify the bill but just to help establish some things for the record.

PRESIDENT: Would you respond, please, Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could you open your bill book to LB 211, because I'm going to ask you some questions from the existing law, and then tie in what this bill would do, if I have a chance...if I have time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, now the four crimes, I'm on page 2 in line 7, which would be existing law. The four crimes, for which there is no statute of limitations, are treason, murder, arson and forgery. Would you agree that in all of those cases, in all of those instances there would be an act that would probably have some evidence, some physical evidence of its commission?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Now, we go down to some language in the new portion of the law, and it tracks existing language in the statute. So I would ask you to go to the bottom of page 3, and it will continue at the top of page 4. And this is the language that I'm dealing with, starting in line 23, unless a complaint for the same shall be filed before the magistrate within five years next, after the offense shall have been done or committed, and a warrant for the arrest of the defendant shall have been issued. It's saying that a complaint would be filed against the alleged perpetrator. Is that correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, that would toll the five years.