

you or one of yours. And, unfortunately, I'm not strong enough to withhold those kinds of things. It takes a type of strength that I don't have to look people in the eye and say, I remember what you did when somebody was hurting, or when a law was before us that could have elevated this society and established a policy of humaneness. If I had that kind of strength, I'll tell you one thing I'm lucky about that when the Constitution talks about a jury of your peers, they don't determine my peers to be members of the Legislature because I happen to be here, I'd be a gone gosling, and I know that, but I still want some things into the record, because fortunately what sits in this room is not all that there is to humankind or to the world. There are some people in here with enough of whatever it takes to vote for that which is right and just, regardless of the various types of pressure brought to bear on them. Unfortunately, I can even understand some of my colleagues who, because they have to deal with the court system and these judges who are compelled to take certain positions and do certain things because of those considerations. It puts me in mind of Gary Rex, a young man for whom I had respect, for whom I had, past tense, respect, but for whom now I have great pity. And all of that ties in with what it is I'm trying to do here. I'm trying to humanize a system so that people won't have to fall on a sword to keep a job. Rex, I understand, means king. And what do they always say? The king is dead, long live the king. A person to hold a job must sacrifice self-respect, personal integrity and take the blame for something he did not do and everybody knows he did not do it, and the only consolation Gary Rex has in this whole sordid affair is that people will not believe what he said. They know that that man is not going to misrepresent anything the Governor said. She is the only person dumb enough to come out with an attack against drugs and have the whole thing blow up in her face, as somebody quoted to me. And there are people on this floor of her party who have to defend her. And I've listened to some of the compromising terms and words of various members of her party that caused me to lose respect for them, too, because I've talked to some of you on other occasions and you have more sense than what you reflected in those attempts to defend the Governor. This is a political world we live in, and the Governor is supposed to be somebody who, when she does something stupid, cannot be brought to task for it. One reason I try to build protections into the system is so that individuals won't be left to the vagaries of individual people whose whim may change or whom pressure may cause to do things that are not right and just to those who are subordinate to them. If we were