

found on the bag. The man's fingerprints were not on the bag and the officers knew they weren't, Fahrbruch said. 'While the artifice set up by officers Clark and Sundermeier is clearly deceptive, it is not necessarily an offensive police practice', Fahrbruch wrote in his opinion." Ladies and gentlemen of the Legislature, and whoever out there may be watching and listening, how in the world can we consent to a principle of jurisprudence that says that deception and lying may be used by the police and it's not offensive?

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) May we please hold the conversation down so we can hear the speaker, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, "Judge" Nichols. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, to resume where I was...from the point at which I was cut off, I wonder how many people in here would like to be tricked by lies into confessing or admitting something. I wonder how many people in here would like to authorize the police, as has been done through this Supreme Court decision, to deliberately use lies.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a person has done something wrong that is a violation of the law, that person should be punished when properly charged, tried, convicted. However, the method and the procedure by which that conviction is obtained by the state should be one that does not include deliberate deception and lying. How can the Supreme Court uphold lying by the police and then make it a crime for a common citizen to lie to avoid a punishment? If you or I lie under oath, then we're guilty of perjury. If a cop, in discharging his official duties, lies so that somebody can have his or her freedom taken away, the Supreme Court says that's all right, and these are the kind of people I'm supposed to vote more money for. Why, I would like to cut their salary. Unfortunately, that cannot legally be done. But if it were the judges ruling, the absence of legality wouldn't make any difference, because the law is what they say that it is and lying becomes truthful. That which is contemptible becomes honorable. That which is offensive becomes desirable.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I say that is contemptible and