why the individual is there. One of the things that I have
learned on this Franklin investigation, there was a young lad,
been sentenced to I believe 15 years at the penitentiary. The
system of justice worked very rapidly for that individual. He
was a dope trafficker they said and he was a...I believe he
fired a couple of shots at a house or something and wounded some
people. The story in the paper said what a tough guy he was.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well that system worked awfully rapidly for
that individual and he is out there and he is going to spend a
long time there.   Why?   Because nobody really cares.   I don't
know what judge sentenced him, but one of the things that caught
my eye was this. The young lad had been in and out of 27 foster
homes during the course of his life. Ladies and gentlemen, had
I been the judge on the bench I think I would have taken that
into consideration. Admittedly, he committed a serious crime,
but the State of Nebraska was responsible to a certain extent
for a young man that went through 27 foster homes while growing
up.   Now, ladies and gentlemen, I'm maybe delivering a message
to the judiciary, but I want those kind of things considered by
the judges and I want people who have got enough brains and
common sense to say, yeah...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we ought to consider that, but instead we
take a young lad who has no one to speak up for him, who has no
parents, no family, give him 15 years.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature,
let me mention why it's good that Senator Schmit mentioned some
of the things that he mentioned and to tell you why I bring up
some of the specifics that I do. If you speak in generalities,
first of all, people are going to say that there is no valid
complaint that you have, give me something specific. When you
give the specifics they say, everybody has had a case that
didn't turn out the way they wanted. What is really meant is