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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, that's enough.

SENATOR GOODRICH: ...to identify the man...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He's just babbling.

SENATOR GOODRICH: ...and they then could match the fingerprints.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Goodrich, get off my time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.) Senator Chambers, you have the chair.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Or the floor, excuse me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The floor, thank you. You're being very gracious but I won't accept that offer. Now when Senator Goodrich cannot give a straightforward answer, it shows the kind of sleight of hand being run on us today. If it gives a precise match, say yes, if it doesn't, say no. Why can he not say no? Because he is trying to hoodwink us and make us think we've got some magical system here whereby you feed in a fingerprint and it says, aha, David Landis, representing the blank district in Lincoln, sitting across the aisle from the intelligent people, he did the crime, and they come and put the handcuffs on Dave and Dave says, how did you get me? They say, AFIS, he say, let's go, I know you got the goods on me. They don't even do that in Hollywood and here Senator Goodrich is talking this nonsense. What I would like Senator Langford to consider is that when law enforcement and all the rest of you say AFIS is such a good idea but the money is too great. In Grand Island around December, they had a group of law enforcement agencies arresting a lot of street junkies and I criticized it at the time, said it was a waste of money, it was not going to put a dent in the drug traffic out there and they would be replaced by others. A few days ago I had my gloating time. I gave you an article where the State Patrol lieutenant who coordinated the effort acknowledged that it did not put a dent in the drug traffic.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.