

deemed so because the chief judge of Douglas County, the presiding judge, is in cahoots. Maybe nobody but I see something wrong with the special prosecutor being too busy to discharge...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that responsibility. But, if I am the only one who sees something wrong with it, I'm going to state it. So the Legislature can undertake to amend the law and extend the statute of limitations in those cases where it has not already run out, for what purpose? Special prosecutor is off doing something else. Who is going to prosecute or bring any charges because we've extended a statute of limitations when there is no concern with even getting at the truth? This man, Van Pelt, is quoted in the paper as having said he's been so immersed in this Franklin matter that he almost had several accidents while driving his car because he was so taken up with it then is so unimportant to him that he's running off somewhere doing some kind of hearing for the Health Department. Mr. Chairman, I'm not going to take every second of my time, but I'm going to put my light back on.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, on the committee amendments, followed by Senators Wesely, Pirsch and McFarland.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I also rise in support of the committee amendments as amended. And I appreciate...I visited with Senator Hannibal yesterday. I concur totally that we need to adopt the amendment, which was explained by Senator Chizek, which provides for additional facilities for the treatment of mentally disabled sex offenders. Getting to the other amendments, I want to say that I also appreciate the work of the Judiciary Committee and staff, cooperation of the county attorneys, judges, other legislators, parents, Foster Care Review Board, particularly Senators Wesely and Scofield who testified in support of the bill, and all of the other individuals who have demonstrated their interest in what we are attempting to do. I share Senator Chambers' concerns about the many unusual circumstances that have surrounded this entire bizarre investigation. I do not believe that any one of us, when we first introduced the resolution back in November of 1988, ever anticipated the strange circumstances and the strange turn of events that have brought us to the point where we are at today. There have been many times this