

go to trial, you still have been arrested. You have been booked, which means you were charged. You were photographed. You were fingerprinted, and you are in a computer someplace as a person who has been arrested for a felony. And if you apply for a job, what they ask is not whether or not you have been convicted but have you been arrested for a crime. And if you say no because you weren't convicted, they find out you were arrested, you get fired for lying. If you tell the truth and say, yes, you were arrested, what their presumption is that you were close enough to this conduct to have been involved, so you are too great a risk and you don't get the job. And we pass all these kinds of laws that encourage that kind of activity. You can see how issues such as this become politicized because a very regrettable murder of a young girl in Omaha is now being made into a political football by two people in Douglas County running for the Third District, or whatever seat it is that comes out of Omaha...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to Congress, the second district. Thank you, Senator Hall. He is more politically mature than I am at the federal level when it comes to who these people represent at these various levels because I think they represent special interest groups. Excuse, Senator Rod Johnson, you are not in that category yet. You are trying to get there. But at any rate, those are the kinds of things that are done with these issues because crimes are high-profile occurrences, criminals are a disliked group of people unless they happen to be former President Nixon, or a Mr. Poindexter, or a convicted felon, Oliver North. Certain categories of criminals are not liked and they are good for political hay. I don't see the necessity for us passing these kind of bills with this kind of loose language in it. So in order that you are aware of what we are voting on, I am trying to strike from the bill any reference to counterfeit substance.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It is not a drug. It has no narcotic effect, and I want that stricken from the amendment, and that is what I am offering.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. And the...shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.