

of the offense that was being punished. I am concerned about those people, even the ones who have been adjudged criminals, because there have been too many cases and some even in this state of individuals having been convicted of crimes who, in fact, were innocent, who were sentenced to prison and served time when they should not have served a day. So my concern has to be with the possibility of innocent people falling under the provisions of a law. When this provision, that was to be a constitutional amendment, was before us I remember what Senator Kristensen said when I tried to get certain matters included in that provision for appeal. Senator Kristensen said, and I defy him to say that I'm misrepresenting his words, Senator Kristensen said, when the bill comes to implement this, the Legislature can make moves to include matters for appeal such as it pleases. Now here he stands opposed to any attempt to include anything by way of appeal. And the point I made then is being borne out by Senator Kristensen's conduct now. I said the constitutional provision is greased. If it's accepted by the public, then those who are backing this bill, namely the courts, certain lawyers and others in the legal profession, but not the public at large which does not even understand the impact of this bill, they will rise up to make sure that the Legislature is not allowed to include any other matter for appeal. That's what I stated, and if you read the record you'll find it to be true. And Senator Kristensen is fulfilling that prediction. This is a serious item that is being covered by my amendment. Senator Kristensen is trying to persuade the Legislature not to allow it to be available for an appeal to the Supreme Court. That's the point that I made in conning you, in lulling you, in gulling you into going along with putting the proposition on the ballot he emphasized that it will still be within the Legislature's province to include these matters by way of appeal, but that they should not, in his opinion, be a part of the Constitution. I told you that was a ruse at the time. And that's what it was, and that's what it's proving to be.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But despite the fact that this bill clearly will receive a vote in the affirmative from the vast majority of the members of this Legislature, I don't have to be swept along. I don't have to put my mind and my thinking processes into abeyance and go along with this because the judges want it, because they feel they've got too much work to do. I don't have to go along with those who, on the one hand, will oppose giving