

would like to ask...oh, Senator Pirsch is not here. I would like to ask...Senator Hefner, you're concerned about victims, let me ask you a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hefner, would you respond, please?

SENATOR HEFNER: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hefner,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if an innocent person is punished for what a guilty person did, is that innocent person a victim?

SENATOR HEFNER: Well, I don't think an innocent person should be punished.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if he is, he or she is, then that would make that person a victim.

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, I would say so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you comfortable with this bill that would make the driver, if he or she is wearing a seat belt, have to get a ticket if somebody riding with him or her is not wearing a seat belt?

SENATOR HEFNER: Well, I'm comfortable with the bill just the way it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, so then it is all right to punish the innocent for the deeds of the guilty?

SENATOR HEFNER: I...I...I would...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In this case.

SENATOR HEFNER: I would say that Senator Horgan has a good bill here, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laughter.) That's what I mean about these elastic, plastic principles. When you ask it in the abstract, it's not difficult for anybody on this floor to give the right answer.