

SENATOR BROMM: Yes, not Platte County though.

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay. Well I have not heard from the sheriffs either in mine. I have three counties. I have not heard from any sheriffs. I have heard from some attorneys though. When I go home, crime is not the burning issue in the 22nd District. Property taxes are, and the cost it seems to be what concerns most people. And I don't think we represent...we don't represent only the sheriffs in our districts, we represent the entire populous. We must look out for the populous along with the county sheriffs, so I think that we really have to take a look at this issue. The cost is one thing and we must...another thing, one of the attorneys that I talked to over the weekend put it the most simply. He said, how is this person that is incarcerated going to get out and make a living? How are they going to get back to their jobs if they have to spend more time in a county jail? That's about my comments, Madam President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robak. The Chair recognizes Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to stand and say that misdemeanors, definitely, there are serious misdemeanors. I wasn't trying to give you an impression of that. I also do not believe that this is a crime bill. Some of you might think that I would be a "yes" vote on this, I'm going to be not voting on this. We need to do something about keeping our streets in the State of Nebraska safe and this bill isn't going to do one iota, one way or the other as far as doing that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Robinson. Senator Robinson. The Chair recognizes Senator Cudaback. Excuse me, Senator Robinson is here. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I just got off the phone with my county judge and he is a good one and I asked him about this and he said that he takes into consideration the amount of free time and he said that would not bother him one bit because, he said, when I sentence someone, I consider the person and the offense that that person has committed and then I sentence them accordingly. And I wanted to find out what some of my officials thought and my county sheriff