

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Front and center. Senator Pedersen, do you think this is a good bill?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: For the jails, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that it does provide a tool by which the jails can be administered more effectively than if they didn't have it?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pedersen, if it is a good bill, that it's going to assist in the administration of the jails, why in the world are you, who understand the need for it, not going to vote for it? Your failure to vote is a no vote at this stage so why, in effect, are you voting against a bill for which you've given very cogent arguments for its support? Will you tell me?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Because I don't see this as a crime fighting bill and it has turned up to be a crime fighting bill. It is not the type of bill that is going to make a whole lot of difference one way or the other, I do believe it's a good bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, Senator Pedersen, in a book called Nineteen Eighty-Four there was a passage that said there was truth and there was untruth and though you stood for the truth even against the whole world, you were not mad. Senator Pedersen, because other people mischaracterize this bill, are you going to allow that to cause you to fall into the position that an ignorant person would be in who doesn't really understand this bill? In other words, are you, an informed person, going to act as you would if you were not informed? I'm asking you that, Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: I am informed, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then why, if you're going to acknowledge to everybody here and who might be watching that you are an informed person, but you're not going to vote in accord with that?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Because I don't believe it's going to make