

American colonies were prison colonies, penal colonies and they would send these prisoners here. They came from Scotland, they came from Ireland, they came from England, in fact if you look at what's called the New Gate Calendar you'll see how many people came over here in Oxford Jail, and what Benjamin Franklin and some of the other columnists said. No sooner have we incorporated one group of the convicts into our population and turned them into productive citizens but England sends another boat load and we cannot absorb them. This is a poor way for a mother to treat her columnists, and what we ought to do is reciprocate by sending England a crate of rattlesnakes. Now that's what was said by Benjamin Franklin about the ancestors of the fathers and mothers of this country. Criminality was the warp and wolf of this society. They sent people here from England because they didn't want to hang them anymore, and they were people without any skills, and they preyed on the rest of the populace because they couldn't make a living and criminality has always been a part of the structure of this country, it has always been criminal. The mothers and fathers, the foremothers and forefathers to a great extent were criminals in this country, just as they were criminals who were sent to Australia, the land down under. So that criminality has been found in the government of this country, it's been found in law enforcement agencies, it's been found in churches, every kind of activity where there was more than one person, criminality was found and if you read your history you will...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...see it. They believed in harsh punishments. They didn't like women in Salem so they called them witches and hanged them and drowned them. But they didn't hang any warlocks or drown any warlocks. So all that attitude of we don't like this and we don't like that, we're tired of it and do something about this...these people gives you a momentary feeling of satisfaction. But we need to do what's in the best interest of the society and prepare the people who are going to come back out here so they don't have to prey on those of us who are law abiding or who are not law abiding and haven't been caught yet. So... I guess my time is out. Have I spoken three times on this, Mr. President?

SENATOR HALL: Yes, you have, Senator Chambers. You have about ten seconds though.