

conspiracy in and of itself involves...is basically the agreement to perform an act.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now some courts have...

SENATOR HALL: Time. Senator Lindsay, your light is next.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I would yield to Chambers so he can continue his cross-examination.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Chambers, you are recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Lindsay, what does a person have to do in order to be guilty of conspiracy? There now doesn't have to be any action toward the carrying out of it, does there, of the act?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Does there...does there have to be a step towards that? Is that what you...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I, frankly, I cannot remember.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because, remember, we're not talking about an attempt now, we're talking about conspiracy.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right, and I can't remember exactly the definition of conspiracy. I'm getting the statute brought to me now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, very good. And while he's looking at that, that is one of the items I would like to strike from this, too. See, this is a political bill. If you ask Senator Lindsay, frankly, he would give you a frank answer, but I'm not going to ask him. But it's a political bill and the Governor's people were trying to find every way they could to make it look like they're tough on crime. So, again, this is one of those bad areas because we're doing more than is necessary to protect the public and we're not looking at the cost that actually is going to be entailed in this establishment of a mandatory 25-year sentence. Senator Lindsay, did you have a chance to find that?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yeah, conspiracy does include an overt act in