

I was their Senator. I was the only one there that was their Senator so, it was in Columbus and I was their Senator, so after the luncheon I expected people to come up to me and tell me about this. There were a lot of law enforcement people there and they did. They came up to me. One of them talked about the sewer system in Columbus. One of them talked about information, they wanted some information about the homestead exemption bill that we messed up last year for them. And, let's see, oh, several of them, most of them talked about the incoming...the lottery bill, the gaming bill. That was big on their minds there. One law enforcement person did come forward and I expected her to, sorry, I wasn't going to say her but it was a woman, and I did expect her to say something about this and she only thanked me for an increase in salary this year. I guess we have a pretty good law enforcement agency and all the law enforcement officers in our community and we do have some crime there but I think they do an excellent job, the judges and the county attorney, the defense attorney. I think they do a pretty good job. If they did not, I think that we would have a lot...I would have had a lot of letters and a lot of constituents calling me and writing me and telling me that we really need this. Got letters of...a lot of letters about the welfare reform, a ton of letters and calls about the special ed bill, the lid bill. Somewhere or other I didn't get anything about the crime bill from my district and I did say that it was a little late in the session to advance the crime bill out of committee. So here we are. We're doing the crime bill. Everybody wanted the crime bill, so we're going to do the crime bill. So I'll sit here with Senator Chambers and that's all I have to say. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, on my amendment somebody said it should be Hammond eggs instead of Hammond organ, but we're all getting into the spirit of it now and people are under the balcony trying to do something about that atrocious bill. But for everybody who got tired and say we're wasting time, I think even...even old "Katie, bar the doors" over there sitting, trying to work it out now, everybody says Ernie shouldn't be doing this talking, we ought to get out of here. It takes this long to get people's attention. Everyone of you have heard the old statement about why you hit the mule on the head with this board and they said it takes that to get his attention, but, see, mules are not