

have...when we bring our girls and our boys to a function and they're learning about government there should be nothing that sets one sex above the other, nothing that demeans one and not the other...and (applause)...they...we have a guard up there and he will throw you all out so...there cannot be any demonstrations, but anyway the point that I was going to make, when an organization that is respected puts together this gathering or this affair and they put the girls in an inferior or subordinate position it conditions them to accept that as their station in life, and this is the very thing we're trying to get away from. We want our young ladies to feel that you have as much right and obligation and duty to participate fully in government as these lady senators are doing here, and there is nothing that we should ever do intentionally or unintentionally to make our young girls think that somehow being a member of the female sex means that they should be kept in a subordinate or inferior role. I couldn't resist saying that. But, on this bill, after what Senator Pirsch said, after what Senator Witek said, it is kind of ironic that the two of them and I would be on the same side of this issue with the Attorney General. It's not unusual for them, but for me. And they are absolutely correct when they say that those who launched arguments against the bill when it was being brought by Senator Witek and Senator Abboud for the Attorney General to show that it was such a bad bill are now giving all the arguments to show that that which was bad is now good. Senator Witek, I have not changed. I didn't like it when you and Senator Abboud were bringing it and I don't like it now when the Governor and Senator Lindsay are the ones bringing it. On issues as serious as this, where we're talking about crime and punishment, I cannot do anything that would be deemed political because there are such serious ramifications from whatever we do. We might pass this bill this year and wash our hands of it. But when the overcrowding of the prisons begins, when the cramming of the court dockets begins, when the insistence on jury trials begins, you will begin to see happening in the courts what's happening with warrants on misdemeanors in the Omaha Police Department. Some of them go all the way back to the middle 1980s, so by the time they're served, if they ever are, they have to be dismissed because everybody will have forgotten whatever these warrants are about. So things are done during a time of political semi-hysteria.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.