

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, do you believe anybody ought to be punished for an offense which he or she did not commit?

SENATOR JENSEN: Absolutely not!

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a person is punished and is harmed as a result of that punishment and the punishment is inflicted by the state, should that person have redress against the state, or are the state's interest so great that the individual should be sacrificed and, even though innocent, be denied redress?

SENATOR JENSEN: No, I think there should be some recourse.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you opposed to Senator Witek's amendment?

SENATOR JENSEN: No, I am not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you vote against my amendment?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. You like Senator Witek better than you like me? (Laughter.)

SENATOR LANDIS: We all like Senator Witek better than we like you. (Laughter.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think what Senator Landis said is worthy of quotations, "We all like Senator Witek better than we like you." And Senator Landis spoke the truth. But despite the heavy burden of this approval that I must carry, I will discharge my duty. The amendment that Senator Witek is offering I think is very reasonable. First of all, it has been argued by those who support this bill that very few, if any, mistakes will be made. I would support her amendment if a thousand mistakes were made. If it were to bankrupt the state I would still support it. Justice ought to be done not only in the cases where we think there will only be a few violations of the citizens' rights, we ought to be even more concerned if we think there will be a great number of violations of citizens' rights. We need to start thinking as legislators, if we're able, of what it is that