

they'll do almost anything they can to get there, and that's where the word "snitch" comes from. "Snitch" comes from unreliable type information, not just somebody who is giving some information. "Snitch," in itself, is a derogatory term, which is not, and I know it is not in this bill, but it's brought up all the time as being a part of this, even when you talk to the law enforcement officers. If we take a person who is on parole and we ask them to do undercover work, even with the protection of the amendment that was handed out before we started on this bill, and this person has to go and mix with other people who are breaking the law, they will quite often be encouraged or have to participate in breaking the law even further, or at least their probation or parole, by using alcohol, drugs, carrying a strapped gun, and then if that gets back to the Parole Board that they are doing this, even with this kind of amendment, they could be violating, and if your parole is violated and you are taken back into the institution, you are sending them to a death chamber. Now I know there is a feeling of they are bad anyway, so who cares? Now part of that I would agree with you on, a little bit of it, but they are not all bad. In Nebraska, we only have 25 percent recidivism rate, which is one of the best in the country. So that means we've got about 75 percent of them that are going pretty straight. I think we have to take a serious look at this. Is there something can be done, I don't know. But them are the reasons I will be voting no on this particular motion and on the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, when this fellow named Colborn from Douglas Co...from the Lancaster County Attorney's Office testified before the committee, there were a number of lively exchanges between him and me, and the man doesn't know the law and he is not really honest. He at first wanted to say that the present law may be unconstitutional because it will not allow a person to snitch if he or she wants to. When I pointed out that this law had been reviewed by the Supreme Court, it was found to be constitutional, and that nobody has a right under the constitution to plea bargain or what he was talking about, then he admitted that what he was saying was not accurate. When he wants to say that a person is being victimized by a criminal, and if the police said here is how you can establish this, tape