

as crimes. Everything that a human being who is sane does and even which one who is insane may do will have a reason behind it. Some of us disagree with the reason or feel that it is not a justification for what is done, but there is a reason or a purpose behind everything that any human being does. I don't think there is any way that a Legislature could concoct laws that would create a society devoid of anti-social behavior. If everybody had a job in keeping with his or her ability and along the lines of what he or she would desire to do with the rest of his or her life, if there was adequate housing, medical care, appropriate and meaningful education, respect for all human beings and the other things that would go to making a good society, I think there still might be one or two individuals, like Senator Maurstad, Senator Avery or Senator McKenzie, who might cross the line, so we would need jails, but we wouldn't need as many jails. One jail, coeducational, might be enough, but we wouldn't be cruel, we wouldn't be vindictive, we would not be seeking retribution. We would be trying to correct their conduct so that they could rejoin the mainstream of this society and function as productive citizens. Unfortunately, the politicians have taken over the field and instead of looking at the underlying causes of negative behavior, there has been the opportunity to create sound bites and to attack those groups who do not comprise a constituency having a unified voice. So we label groups of people criminals and we drum them out of the human family. In areas where we have groups of people who can be controlled, like the housing complexes, the public housing complexes, experiments will be conducted and rules will be installed against those unfortunate people which would not be tolerated in society at large. What my amendment does, because I think by now the article would have been handed around to all of you, is to wipe out the funding for one of those Quonset huts. We would strike the three million, five hundred dollars and insert in place thereof one million, seven hundred and some thousand dollars. That would provide one of these Quonset huts and beds to accommodate 100, what you all call, criminals. I don't think that that will solve the problem of overcrowding. The two Quonset huts will not do that, but until the Legislature is forced to come face to face with the underlying causes of anti-social behavior, the Legislature will be encouraged, for political reasons, to build prison after prison, Quonset hut after Quonset hut and never consider that a problem which is correctable is only being aggravated. Everybody sent to prison, with a few exceptions, will be back out here among us, so when