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bill is narrower in focus and that is what this amendment does. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Byars is proud to announce he has the following guests visiting the Legislature this morning. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, based on the explanation Senator Thompson gave me of the amendment that's before us right now, I am not going to oppose that. I want to be sure, as I enter my attack mode, that I have the proper target in my sight before I squeeze the trigger, to use those analogies that "Sheriff" Schmitt might more readily identify with. But here's what needs to be said about this bill. Well, there are a lot of things that need to be said about it. It embodies a philosophy and it aims to try to bring to fruition certain ideas. A philosophy should exist within which we put together practical programs. The philosophy is the framework within which we operate, and it lays out goals and an ultimate purpose we hope to achieve. So I think what Senator Thompson is talking about in terms of realizing where we are, where we need to be, and how we can get there is good. But when they put these specific provisions into a bill, I will not agree to those as they exist now. A bad situation can either be retained at status quo, it can be made worse, or an improvement can be made and it will not be as bad as it is. It may not be made good but it may not be as bad as it currently is. I cannot disagree with anything that Senator Thompson has said about the crisis that we have relative to how we treat juveniles, but I see a crisis in terms of how we treat all people who have run afoul of the law. I have an especial interest in and concern for children. I had to fight tooth and nail to get a provision through this Legislature to ban corporal punishment in the public schools. Some people get in this Legislature and some of these hard battle have been fought and they have no idea of how many bruises and scars I have absorbed and scars that I still carry based on those battles. And I'm not going to let a situation be created where a worsening takes place in order to satisfy the urges and desires of a task force. They might be the best-intentioned people in the world, and like any other group, if they can get a senator to offer a bill to bring into law their views, that's fair. I know that. But others need to