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meaning there was no twisting of his arms. Nobody else, other than Senator Engel, is walking around here with an arm in a sling. And that was done by a doctor for therapeutic reasons. No reason has been given that should cause the Legislature to back away from what was done yesterday. We have to start moving in the right direction, not with merely a legislative resolution. We have talked and talked and talked about problems in corrections. I have worked with...I almost said "Senator" Clarke...Corrections Director Clarke. He is being sought all over the country as a corrections director. I know he has great ability and talent. Somebody talked about how well Nebraska's penal system is being run, compared to what's happening in other states. That has nothing to do with what we're talking about here in terms of the Legislature taking a decision that is warranted by the facts and the circumstances...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...we're now facing as a Legislature. Senator Tyson made a correct decision and now he says he made it based on ignorance. He made the correct decision based on ignorance, and now that his ignorance has been corrected by him realizing he based it on ignorance, although it's the proper decision, he is now going to fall back and ignorantly make the wrong decision, or intelligently make the wrong decision, however way he would like to phrase it. Nobody is talking about sending an ax murderer out there or somebody who has five weapons violations, but all of them are going to be out there eventually. Whether they jam or get paroled, they all are going to be back out there eventually. So the scare tactics should not affect anybody in terms of how we vote...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...here today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I'm concerned that we're not getting to one of the key issues in this discussion and so I wanted to go back to that. I talked