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Rather than causing the alarm about the injustices of this American system, people are just ho-humming now. And I hear those who know better saying that America has the best judicial system in the world. What we have seen is that America sentences more people to death unjustly than any other country in the world has been shown to do. But there is something even more basic and fundamental than that. How can these people who don't even understand the American system of justice say it's better than any other system in the world?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They don't know anything about other systems in the world. They don't know that in some countries the judge intervenes to make sure that the defendant is not improperly convicted when the defendant has an incompetent lawyer. The judge, in other words, becomes the advocate. It might seem like he or she is the advocate of the defendant. But the judge is really the advocate of a proper judicial system, whose role is to dispense justice, not vengeance, not retribution, not to make victims and other hateful people feel like the state is doing something for them. So I see Nebraska moving in that direction, and I see these kind of bills that appear to be innocuous assisting, because they can fly under the radar, and nobody other than somebody like me will even raise a question about them, let alone challenge and then oppose them. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Johnson, on LB 139A.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. President. And I feel almost obligated to apologize to Senator Chambers, because I should have acknowledged that we had had a discussion off of the floor regarding this. And Senator Chambers and Senator Brashear were snowed out this last week when this was brought to the floor. At that time, one of our concerns was that we separate criminal law from civil law. And so we were trying to pare down the bill to make it as small a bill as possible, and deleted one section that both Senator Chambers and Senator Brashear had a strong interest in supporting. So we invited them to bring this back