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Legislature. Former Senator Pirsch had gotten a job at the phone company like that. You know, I do a lot of work that people fight me on on the floor of the Legislature. Two of the strongest fighters against me in getting district elections were former Senator Bernice Labeledz and Carol Pirsch. And after I got district elections, you know what they both did? They ran and got elected based on districts. Where went the principles? There are a lot of people who because of their status will have advantages and be able to take advantage of opportunities that are not available to others. So when we come to a bill such as this, they might look at their situation and say, well, somebody did wrong. Punish them to the max; they shouldn't have done wrong. Well, good God, Senator Cunningham and Senator Vrtiska, there were two guys who behaved so badly that they were hanging on the cross being subjected to capital punishment. And one of the fellows thought about what he had done, and he wanted to make a clean breast of it. One of the guys was mocking him. You so much,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...get down off this cross and take us...

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...with you. And the other guy said, well, you shouldn't say that about him. Now, they're having this philosophical discussion in the greatest agony imaginable. But nevertheless, they did. He said, we're here because of something we did; this guy is innocent. He's a good guy. He shouldn't be up here. Then looked at him and said, if this place you talked about exists, and if you go there when you leave here, take me with you. And that guy that you all worship said, this day, partner--not next year, not next month--this day shall you be with me in Paradise. In other words, forgiveness. They had done wrong. They had done enough wrong to suffer the maximum punishment, which was death. On this floor, I keep hearing people say, well, they did something wrong; punish them to the max.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.