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equally, which is a good principle of law. And...but I'm interested where...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in which direction that takes us in the various areas.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers, your light is on next. And this is your third time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to repeat for the third time what I had said about this penalty area. I'm going to deal with that later, but not through discussion on the floor, because I've got to look at it and try to digest it. And naturally, I'll talk to Senator Bourne and the very competent staff of the Judiciary But at any rate, going back to the comments I'm Committee. making about this bill, I don't want Senator Aguilar and others who have worked in this area to think that I'm disparaging or brushing aside or dismissing the value of what they've done. I'm saying, though, it is a specie, s-p-e-c-y...or is it s-p-e-c-i-e? In the sense of money, or something of exchange, it is a specie of limited value. If you go into a store and you have a ton of gold, and you want to buy a lunch meat sandwich, but the proprietor has no lunch meat, your ton of gold is of no value there in obtaining what you want. Now, the proprietor may say, I'll sell you my entire store for your gold, but I can't sell you what you want to buy. And the holder of the gold says, well, the only thing I'm interested in purchasing is what I asked you for. I don't want your store. I thought, because of the nature of your establishment, you would have the item that I want. Since you don't have it, I'll load up my gold and go elsewhere. The effort that Senator Aguilar and others have put into this subject would go a long way if applied to a matter over which the Legislature has more power to do something effectively. The Legislature cannot have any significant impact on this problem. The state patrol has had no significant impact. The sheriffs and the local police have had no significant impact. And they're the ones who have got the guns,