

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the Chambers amendment? Senator Chambers to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, there have been many versions of the idea of walk a mile in somebody else's shoes, and one song talked about being careful of the stones that you throw. If you have never made a mistake in your life, or unless you have made no mistakes in your life, be careful of the stones that you throw. Well, I am sure Senator Labeledz and the associates and acquaintances that she has, her aides and those others who want to put people in the position of law violators, are going to have their way because they have the means to avoid doing those things that will bring them out of compliance with the law. What this Legislature does is oftentimes not punish conduct but punish a state or condition of being. You will pass laws making certain conduct criminal when you know that certain people don't have to worry about that conduct because they have the means that will keep them from ever falling in the category of persons who will fall into the net of the law. This is why when you start totaling up statistics, you see that you have an inordinate number of poor people involved. Why? Because poor people are criminals. Why are they poor? Because they are not righteous. That is what President Reagan said. If people weren't wrongdoers, they wouldn't be poor. That is why he helps the rich. He sees things in terms of good and evil. If you are in a certain class, you are evil. If you are in his class, you are good. That is the way the Legislature feels. Some of you used to always talk against changes in the radar laws until you started getting tickets and some of you started talking to me about tickets and some of the readings that you felt were improper because it came right to you or to one of your constituents or somebody who meant something to you. Now what I wish that representatives could do is achieve a sensitivity which would not make it necessary for them to personally experience a hurt before they could understand that somebody else is experiencing that hurt and is entitled to some relief. I am not going to ever get a ticket for going into a park without sticker. I won't go in the parks. When I got a bill to elect City Council members by districts, passed with the help of the Legislature, and they swore in the first group, you had to get a ticket before you could come into the swearing in and they were going to make an exception for me and I refused, saying that it was insulting, that my job was to be where the people are and the purpose of the bill was to provide representation, so how am I going to join the elitist group? That is why in this legislative body I so often am defeated because I am taking the position of those who are not given