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SENATOR H. PETERSON: The maximum, my legal aide tells me, is the amount that they...90 days is the maximum amount that they can be in jail for that kind of an incarceration.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Now, Senator Peterson, what arguments are given to the notion that people might have that it is insulting enough to sentence somebody to jail for 30 days or 60 days, but to make him pay for it on top of that is sort of insult to injury?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Well, Senator Hoagland, this is being done in a couple of counties in Iowa at the present time. It's being done in California at the present time. I think as far as the sheriffs are concerned, they feel that it may be an additional deterrent as far as people who are financially able to pay.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Do you have any sense, Senator Peterson, as to how many states in the nation have a program like this, a structure that allows requiring prisoners to reimburse for jail time?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Presently, as I say, California has it and Iowa apparently, it's as this would be, it's permissive. Presently two counties in Iowa have. I'll be happy to share that information with you, if you'd like to have it.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thank you, Senator Peterson. I have nothing further, Madam President.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Newell, on the bill.

SENATOR NEWELL: I'd like to ask Senator Peterson a question, if he would. Senator Peterson, is this pretty much a new kind of proposal, something that has not really been tried or tested for a very long period of time?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Senator Newell, as I indicated to Senator Hoagland, it's been in effect in California for some time. I have a news release here, if you'd like to read it,