

for that very reason, those of us--and I must say the Judiciary Committee also has a strong pride in work done in the last couple of years in penal and correctional reform--we feel that the hour is late and we feel that this is the last hope, the only hope for penal correctional progress in the State of Nebraska to get moving, that which this Legislature asked us to get moving last year. You told us to have this done by 1975. Nothing will be done by 1975 if we do not get penal and correctional reform on its way this year and the only way you can get it moving is to adopt LB 256 with the amendments we put on yesterday concerning penal and correctional reform. So in order to have meaningful hope for progress in the field of penal correctional reform, we must vote down Senator Proud's motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, yesterday I was dragging my feet because things were moving so rapidly. This morning when I am made aware that this current 256 with all amendments is only \$2½ million over which in actuality can be absorbed with the present tax rate, I will favor passing 256 as it currently is on to E & R Initial and I will not vote for Senator Proud's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we attempted this identical thing last night, it was clear at that time that there weren't 25 votes last night and from those missing it indicated there weren't 25 votes today. I studied a lot of these amendments last night, some of them I have a lot of question about. What it amounts to is that we're moving ahead and doing some of the things that will probably be spread over a couple of years in the future and we're doing them immediately and this penal reform plan, if we jeopardize that by tampering with the whole thing, I think it's dangerous, so I'm going to go ahead and move to advance the bill even though we are spending a little money. It's just clear that there are not 25 votes to stop this so let's go ahead and quit debating it and move it and get out of here.

PRESIDENT: Are you all through discussing the Proud motion now? All right, Senator Proud may close on his motion then which is to strike all amendments except the Standing Committee amendments. Senator Proud is closing.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, I'd only remark that we've got plenty of time to do exactly what I suggest, all kinds of time as a matter of fact because this bill can be very easily amended on Select File and we've got plenty of hours left to do that and we'll be wasting practically no time at all this morning if there are 25 votes here to adopt my amendment. Now I realize there probably aren't, because, for the simple reason the spenders are in control. There's no question about that and when I say the spenders I don't mean that you're completely irresponsible. I mean that you're just trying to rush this along as fast as you can and get as much money in there as possible and I'm saying to you, which you won't believe particularly if you're a spender, that the citizens of this State are watching this procedure and I think they want it slowed down just a little bit. But all my motion does is put the bill right back with the suggestion of the Budget Committee which the Chairman has, and the Chairman has just told you that they spent months studying this. Now of course I don't consider that statement too consistent when you compare it with the operating budget which the Budget Committee also studied for months but then we were told, let's rush this baby through. Let's not take it line by line, let's adopt the Governor's budget even though we've studied it for months and then the poor Governor won't know what to do. Well, the Governor knows what to do all right and he's got the last card, we don't have. So let's put this back to where it was and then if there are 25