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as they request the floor. As they ask a question. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature. I think that one thing that's really been pointed out, and I think is going to come out a little more when we talk on this is the fact that it looks like we have the LEAA with an interest in criminal reform and penal reform and we have the Judiciary Committee who has probably studied it for three or four years, and then we have Senator Stahmer who has studied it himself. And I think what we are going to find out is that we have to make a decision on this floor, to either back the committee, who has studied this issue, who members went members of the appropriations to Des Moines, the other ideas that could be enacted. Other thoughts, and other directions for reforming these people. I don't call you completely wrong on this Senator Stahmer, at all, because I don't think you are, I think your intent is good. But I think what you have done by objecting the way you have, and Senator Luedtke has already told you we have a state plan, it may not be what you want as a state plan. But the thing we've got to do, if we don't get started in penal reform, we will continue to put it off, and put it off, and put it off. And I'd like to, if I could, Mr. President, before Dave gets in here. I'd like to ask Senator Luedtke a couple questions. You can ask questions, but other than questions I'm recognizing

PRESIDENT: You can ask questions, but other than questions I'm recognizing Senators in the order their lights are on up here. Senator Luedtke.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke yield.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Luedtke, the first question I would like to ask and you can expand upon this. Has Senator Stahmer's objections every been brought to you. Personally, or has the LEAA, and you and Senator Stahmer ever sit down to talk about this non-plan that Senator Stahmer claims that we do not have. And could you expand and possibly answer some of the questions that Senator Stahmer has brought up. About he say, that all we have is the felon plan. I disagree with him. Having sat on the Judiciary committee with you, and I don't think he's been given the right information. I think maybe it's up to you and we throw a lot of weight on you in this penal reform area. But I think you deserve it. I think that if you can handle it I wish you would explain to Senator Stahmer some of the areas where he's wrong. And I hate to say it, but he is wrong.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I would like to respond to that. Dee Lofgren who has been mentioned by Senator Stahmer did release through the newspapers

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