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for the question. You want to permit him to ask that question?

SENATOR BARNETT: Yeah, I'll withdraw it.

PRESIDENT: All right, now, Senator Syas, repeat your question so that the Body can understand it.

SENATOR SYAS: I wish to know how Ted Janing, what his opinion is of the bill. If he's for or against it, that's the way I'm going to go because I have confidence in Ted Janing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fellman.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Ted Janing came....I'll answer that question. Ted Janing came to the hearing, before the Judiciary Committee, and said nothing. I then began to hear that Ted Janing was worried about protecting his ...the jobs of his men. We made amendments to the bill. I stood in Ted Janing's office and he told me the bill was acceptable with the first set of amendments. Then I heard....then the Legislature moved the bill off General File and Ted Janing was on the radio while I was driving back to Omaha that afternoon saying the bill was no good because it took control from him. We then made a second set of amendments and Ted Janing has said nothing publicly. The deputy sheriffs have told me that the... that the complaints or the problems raised by Janing have all been met. And Ted Janing, since the last set of amendments on this bill, has said nothing more publicly opposed to this bill. Now I think privately he has stirred up the Sheriff's Association. Now I don't know that that's true but I can tell you, Senator Syas, that I have talked to Captain Gruber who is head of the road patrol and is very close to Sheriff Janing and according to Captain Gruber, this bill is now acceptable to the men that work for the sheriff, to the deputies, to the reserve, and Janing has never called me nor sent anybody to me nor have I gotten any word. And I haven't even heard anything on the radio about this bill as it now sets with these amendments in a negative or detrimental way. I interpret this to be the Janing...that Janing accepts the bill and says he can live with it. That's my interpretation of what he has said....what he has done.

PRESIDENT: All right, is there any further discussion on this? If not, Senator Kime is closing.

SENATOR KIME: Well, Mr. Chairman, I talked with Ted Janing over the telephone and asked him about this bill. HE SAID with this last amendment, he could live with it but, of course, he didn't like it. The reason that this... the reason that the State Sheriffs Association of Police Officers are more or less concerned with this bill is because it can be so easily amended. In another year, it could take in Dodge County or Hall County or Lancaster County or every county in the state as far as that's concerned with just a simple amendment. By striking out 300,000 which at the present time makes it just for Omaha. Now, the amendment here....this amendment that has been put on gives the sheriff charge of his prisoners up to the time they were sentenced. After they are sentenced, the county boards board of correction will take over and