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seometimes it's difficult if a hunter has trouble catching his quarry, it's difficult to get that hunter to treat that quarry with fairness. He will tend to feel that it is his job to punish and it is not his job to punish. Corrections means just what it says. Something is out of line. And you correct it, or you put it back into the line that it belongs. A catcher or hunter is not possessed of the temperament and the capability in many instances to do this kind of job. This is exactly why there are uprising and prisons all over the country. And jails all over the country. Because those who are the custodians of the these people have a desire to resent vengeance, and be society's punishers, and that is not what their function is. People when they go to jail and to penitentiaries now are not trained to adjust to the life on the outside, they are given programs that teach them to adjust to institutional life. There was a man in Iowa who had been in the penitentiary so long that he refused to stay out when they have to let him go, he will commit a crime and wait there until they catch him, because he doesn't know how to adjust to life on the outside, thanks to the type of penitentiary system that exists all over this country. This is a bill in the step in the right direction. It is not designed to make secure the job of a sheriff. Jails don't exist to employ the sheriffs. Penitentiary doesn't exist for the employee of a warden. These places where certain individuals that run afoul of the law must be sent because of the way the law is structured. And the purpose of those places is not to give job security to those who work there, but to make those individuals who are sentenced there able to come out and function properly and in accordance with the laws. So I would tell you. That the concern Senator Kime is expressing here, now has nothing whatsoever to do with this bill. Nothing whatsoever to do with this bill. There is nobody who is going to get a softer sentence. None of the things that he talks about are relevant at all. And with all due respect to Senator Kime. His very inability to properly understand this law explains why we need to separate law enforcement from corrections. He understands what the job of a hunter is, but he doesn't understand the job of corrections. Jails throughout this state are money making propositions for the sheriff. Senator Kime came in and got them \$3.50 a head to feed prisoners with, and all these bounty hunters who came into the Judiciary Committee trying to get more money admitted that it does not take that much money to feed these prisoners and they use that money to supplement their income with. How does this look for one who says he is sworn to uphold the law to tell you that he is using the food money to supplement his income. These are some of the things which should be brought into the account of Discussion that Senator Kime initiated here. But when you look at this -bill, I hope that the only thing that you will consider is that is what you might call a division of labor. Those most capable of doing a job are the ones who would be assigned to do it. Senator Kime talks about not getting enough people in jail. Maybe it's because the sheriff has got too much to do already. Free his hands. Let him get on out there and run after who he wants to run after. Let him catch as many as he wants to catch. And then if the court decides that he did it out of malice or he didn't conform to the law and taking away this persons freedom. The court will say you trapped the animal, but you trapped him wrong so you've got to let him go and try again. All we are talking about here, is