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the division of labor. Let the hunters do the hunting and let the watchers do the watching. And corrections. I hope that you vote to advance this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett and then Richendifer and then Senator Snyder.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I noticed that Senator Kime brought up the Lancaster County Sheriff a little while ago. So in response to that, I would have to say that I didn't get anywhere in the Lancaster County Sheriff in regards to this bill. And I think that Senator Chambers hit about everything on the head that is to be hit. I can't understand for the life of me how a sheriff for the western part of the state is so concerned about the largest county and their operation of their jail system. It amazes me. To start with, I guess I don't really know what the sheriff's are interested in, I guess the way he said, he represents the Sheriff's club or whatever they call, at least the Sheriff's organization. I didn't know he represented them. I was glad to learn that. But I can't understand for one second why the sheriff's want to be in a department of corrections operation. Unless they consider this \$3.50 a day that they get for feeding these prisoners correction. Now I don't know, maybe they are afraid of losing that. I think that the peopl in this body should back Senator Fellman in advancing this bill and see if this works, because I have a feeling that if the sheriff's work in the enforcement of the laws and apprehension, that they are doing their job. But I can't see where feeding them and cutting their hair if it's too long, when they are in jail by force. As I think something was done like this out west. If this is corrections, then I think the sheriff's need to go to school. And I think what we should do is back Senator Fellman and give this a real honest try because I think the majority of sheriff's in this state would rather stay to the apprehension rather than corrections.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. President and members. First I'd like to ask Senator Fellman a yes or no question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fellman yield to a yes or no question.

SENATOR FELLMAN: No.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Senator Fellman, is there anything in this bill that would prevent a county board from retaining the sheriff as the corrections heard in any given county.

SENATOR FELLMAN: No, that could be done.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Members of the Legislature. At this time ..if this can be done the only thing the sheriff has to worry about is whether he is a good corrections officer or whether he isn't. Now in many counties we get sheriffs are elected and we get some foul ball sheriffs. So it seems to me that it would to the benefit of the county board to have the option of replacing him at least in one fashion it is very important. Rehabilitation of these prisoners. Putting them