

murders in the city of Omaha, there will be this year, there have been every year, than there are in all the Scandinavian countries. The ratio percentage of murder per hundred thousand is ten or twenty times as high. So apparently it isn't the greatest deterrent. Now, the most difficult thing of all is sometimes to stand back, look and see if your system is working, and if it isn't, you want to make it work. Any time you make a change, any time you make a change, it involves risk, but you have to have change to have progress. So, the first step is to recognize the center piece of our system isn't functioning and we're focusing all our effort, all our finances, all our money on this piece without taking care of the rest of the system...the whole enforcement system for all our laws, and so eighty percent of the people we convict and send to prison lay on their cots, read dirty books, don't do a thing and cost me twelve to twenty-five thousand dollars a year as a taxpayer, because we haven't addressed that part. We're buying legal aid attorneys, as I say, for the ones we charge with murder.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Two minutes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: It's time to develop a new system. Now it seems to me that the state that pioneered public power, that developed the center pivot that's promoting gasohol, can find a new mousetrap, a new and better penal system. You know, sometimes the most hidden things are the most obvious. When we stand up on the death penalty I hear it repeatedly we quote the Bible, but in all the quoting of the Bible I've never heard the most obvious case that's laid out for you...the old Cain versus Abel jobby. God supposedly was the direct arbitrator of that one. What did he do? Did he fry him? No, he put a mark on him, and he made him work and suffer the rest of his life for that deed of murder. Now the easy thing sometimes would be to take a Simants who is now free of the death for all practical purposes because a sheriff played cards at the wrong time, about as whimsical as you can get for a reason, but to maybe look at our whole system, say it's time to redo it to make it function more effectively, to make it function more effectively and maybe the way is to eliminate this one that is costing so much, that's not used, and to start developing a complete penal system, a complete penal system that doesn't tax the taxpayer at twenty-five thousand per person...make them work. Make them start contributing to society instead of taking from, and make those who have committed the ultimate offense, murder, spend the absolute rest of their life repaying society for