

to address. So in most instances you are not going to have plumbers, electricians and bricklayers being hired from the penitentiary. Senator Schmit described the kind of people he is concerned about, those who have not done a great deal of work on the outside and I am not accepting what he says as valid, except for the purpose of making this point. He is not talking about the kind of people that Senator Goddrich spoke against. If you are going to adopt a bill which may make it impossible for these people in the penitentiary to work on any job where union scale is being paid, you limit those people in the penitentiary to the other jobs. It is a subsidization for the agricultural interests in the state. The idea is to limit the application of this bill so that these people cannot work, and then if they work in the agricultural sector, after they get out of the penitentiary they are not going to be working on farms, they are going to be going to the city. So he drives a tractor to plow the streets. He rides a horse to read meters. I am being as facetious as some of the statements that have been made on this floor are. Now, I don't think that everybody in the penitentiary lies around on a bunk all day and watches television. As a matter of fact, I have been getting a disturbing number of complaints related to sexual assaults and other types of assaults in the penitentiary. The penitentiary is not a happy-go-lucky place to be. There are assaults which are known in advance are going to occur. Violence in the penitentiary is a means of controlling the inmate population and there are individuals whose records you can find to see where they have committed assault after assault in the penitentiary but they are a part of the enforcement procedure in the penitentiary. And because this practice is known you will never get somebody getting the death penalty for killing somebody in the penitentiary because none of the witnesses are credible. The administration is often complicit in what goes on in a penitentiary, and I know these things. I have friends in the penitentiary. I visited the penitentiary a lot, and I know that it is not by any stretch of the imagination a country club setting. If you are going to assume the awesome responsibility of taking people's freedom away from them even when the person may be innocent, then I think you ought not heap further degradations on them by putting a legislative program in place like this one...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...without the amendment that I am offering. If you have a good lawyer, you have a chance to