

powerful. Paul Douglas hasn't spent a day in jail. Copple has not spent a day in jail because they are the important people. But here is somebody maybe stumbling around a neighborhood and people don't like it, maybe there are some kids out in a rural area using narcotics and the neighbors don't like it, so they call the Mental Health Board. They can bring a complaint against them, just like you can other people who "are crazy now," and they get into this system. You all may not believe it, but there are parents who will dump their kids on the state and the county. If they are having a problem with their child, maybe drugs will be the basis now by which they can get them locked up under state control, and they don't have to deal with the other issues that develop between parents and the children. So many things are dealt with on this floor in a piecemeal fashion. Then when you create one problem by pretending to solve another one, you'll come in and talk about that one piecemeal too. We'll forever be enacting laws to lock people up against their will,...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to punish them more severely, and all of these things, and I look at all the aides and the assistants to these committees running around here, bringing information to the senator,...

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but their loyalty is for sale. If they leave the Public Health and Welfare Committee and become the aide for the Judiciary Committee, suddenly they are 100 percent in favor of whatever the Judiciary comes out with, no matter how trashy it is. Then they can say, that stuff I was forced to do over there, it made me cringe. They are for sale just like the lobbyists. But we are not supposed to be for sale. We are supposed to evaluate these issues. I am on record. I'm glad Senator Higgins asked the questions that she did. They are valid. But Senator Wesely made one statement that I cannot challenge, if I challenge every other thing he said. There are concerns that have been raised, but this is not the time or the place to deal with them. Think about that. We are the lawmakers. The issues have been raised. The concerns have been admitted, and a bill that we are dealing with that can handle it, but this is neither the time nor the place. So when Senator Rod