

present to it reality. But the light is so bright, so blinding, so painful, so difficult to cope with because somebody may feel they are losing face that he is bound to lose his proposition. He will find that what Plato wrote was really a representation of the truth, even though it was written hundreds of years ago. The Legislature often deals with illusion. But the Legislature is not deluded today. The Legislature knows it is behaving precipitately and foolishly, but it will do it anyway. These are the positions I like, Senator Pappas, where I can be as irritating as I want to be and can't lose, no matter what.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half a minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, I'm against what you are trying to do. I advise others to vote against Senator Beutler's motion. But, Senator Hefner, being one who walks in the light, as I come to the light, I cannot dwell in the cave of illusion. I can counsel that you stay there, but I've got to walk in the light and vote for this. But you certainly don't want to vote with me on an issue like this after the way I've talked to you this morning. So give me and Bob Kerrey something to talk about should this atrocious piece of whatever it is...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...get 25 votes in the Legislature.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President and members of the legislative body, Senator Beutler's amendment to make the penalties more severe than what is in the amendment that was recently adopted is not, I don't believe, in step with what the Nebraska Library Association is trying to do in this bill. He indicates that the penalties are presently in the statutes. He also indicated to you, a few minutes ago, and I won't quote him verbatim, but if you will stop and think about it he said, if you can get people to prosecute, if you can get people to prosecute. That's been the problem all along, that people will not prosecute the present laws or the present violators of the law as it refers to libraries. If you can get people to prosecute, he said. Now the Attorney General was asked to look over this law. Let me read you what he has to say, and this is by the way the