

that work in the penitentiaries as correctional officers, not law enforcement, but correctional officers should be excluded, specifically, because they are not law enforcement. They are there after the law has been enforced and somebody has been incarcerated. Thank you, senators.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Higgins. Senator Beutler is next and then Senator DeCamp, Schmit and Nichol.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the question before us now is whether we should delete entirely the penalty provision of the bill. Once again Senator Chambers is not trying to be particularly constructive in terms of making it a better bill, but his intent is to be destructive in the sense of cutting out a portion of the bill that essentially guts the bill because there would be no penalty provision. The question is whether it should be a misdemeanor or whether it should be a felony. And I would argue strongly that this should be a felony. If you think, if you think that these types of groups that are participating in these types of activities for the purpose of causing civil disorders are not a danger to democratic society, then you are deaf, dumb and blind. They are a danger. The activity is a danger. Yes, we must have a balancing act between our own police forces and the rights of individuals. But this problem is a serious problem. The example of Nazi Germany, which is the example on the minds of our Jewish citizens, is an example that should illustrate to all of us that this type of mentality is a danger to democratic society. Germany was a democratic society. Terrorist activities around the world, and the ability of minorities, the ability of the PLO, the ability of a number of organizations, not all of them to the right or to the left but all of them employing the same tactics, represent a danger to democratic society wherever it exists. And the act of causing the civil disorder in conjunction with the overall purposes, anti-democratic purposes of these types of organizations, make it fitting for a felony offense. Just to give you an example, if one of these groups goes down to a Martin Luther King Day parade and, without a parade permit, thrust themselves into the black community and into the parade with diametrically opposed intention and feelings, they are creating a very dangerous situation. And if they are training under this bill for the purpose of doing things like that, then this bill is designed to prohibit that. Senator Chambers indicates this