

the victim, allow a claim to be made against the state, but she didn't want to do that. So it's easy for us to stand up here and say that we're for victims and others are not. I am and I tried to do that and you felt that you couldn't get your bill. I don't forget and also I was the one who argued to get the first reparations bill out of the Judiciary Committee when some of those who are saying they are so concerned about victims now wanted to lock it up in that committee. So there is a lot of posturing now, a lot of good material for campaign fodder, but the reality is that the criminal law is being perverted. And I know that it's very easy when a person is speaking in the way that I am about the integrity of the law to have that erased by appeals made to victims and saying, punish this criminal. Do all of that, but you shouldn't pervert the law to do it. It is very important that we consider seriously the things that are being done now. But the reason most people are not concerned is because they have the feeling that if people of their group run afoul of the law, even if it's a homicide committed with a weapon, they know that the lowest grade of homicide possible will be charged. If you happen to work for the phone company and the one that you kill worked for a prominent politician, then it's a different type of crime, it's handled differently, and the prosecutor who is supposed to be evenhanded and will throw the book at the riffraff who commit a similar crime out in the alley, if it's committed in an apartment being cohabited by these important people, then you diminish the seriousness of it so that the full weight of the law won't come to bear on them. So who does the judge punish hard? Those people that are unpopular in the society. If you look at the drunk driving convictions and the punishments laid out on people, who are the heaviest ones laid against? The people who are unpopular. People are not punished for what they do, they are punished for what they are and who they are and what connections they do not have and I think the criminal law in this state is being perverted, but I say again, I'm just going to have to stay here longer, I'm going to have to outlive people and try to bring about changes in the law to restore sanity as I was able to do with that thing that Batchelder brought, that kill your neighbor bill, and that so-called antiriot contraption. I don't even call it a law. It was like a rickety vehicle, chugging along that I was able to get completely erased from the books. And after the faddishness is over, after people have decided they will go on and take full time the jobs that they have now, I'll still be here