

the case is _____, we'll tell Arlen. We've been telling him that for 6 months. If I can't persuade them I'll say at least let it come to a vote. You can put on an amendment.' Or I'll ask them to just vote no. I'll tell them the bill means a lot to Senator Specter. It's ironic that we should have to plead with the Democrats after Specter has cut all his bridges with Thurmond. I know they like us. If we were Hatch's staff I know we'd be dead.

"I've asked Arlen to talk to Kennedy and Biden and see what the problem is. My guess is that they won't know he's talking about. No senator has focused on it. Senators will sometimes go along with other senators for the sake of personality and symbolism. 'It's a tough crime bill: OK. I'll go with you Arlen on a tough crime bill.' If that works, we can circumvent the staff. Can you imagine having the votes of the Senators and being held up by the staff?... One problem is that I don't know all the deals that were struck back at the beginning. I suspect a lot of this has to do with the D.A. in Boston--Newman Flanagan. I think he feels he was suckered in here to testify in favor of the bill and to get the DA's to testify in favor of the bill. Then I think he may feel that we didn't go through with the compromise we agreed to. So he got the DA's Association to withdraw their support and now the DA's are killing us."