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CHAPTER SEVEN: READ THE BILLS!

Review

brief analysis of a bill (summary)
Consent Calendar
Legislative Counsel

CHAPTER FOURTEEN: RESTITUTION, REGULATION, AND REDISTRIBUTION

Study Question

1. How did the older practice of restitution change with the idea of crime against society? What were the benefits of the older system? Why does Richardson call the current practice "a twentieth-century version of debtors' prison?" What are the harms? What has resulted from the judicial assignment of liability where there has been no fault? What is the danger of the concept of "social justice?" (79-81)
2. How may governmental regulations be misused for the private benefit of some while harming rather than benefiting the public? What does Richardson propose in place of regulations? (81-86)
3. How do redistributive (nest-feathering) laws differ from taxes imposed for direct services received by the public? Where do the major tax inequities occur? Why is redistributive government an alien concept? (86-89)

Review

older idea of restitution
redistribution

social justice

regulation