

animals, they find out that even among those which are supposed to be communal or social, all of those ordinary things that allow them to live together in...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...harmony and cooperation break down and they begin to attack each other. Animals of the same species do not attack each other for no reason. When they do fight it's in order to allow the stronger genes to prevail in order that the species can be maintained so the alpha male is the one who will drive off all the others, and fights rarely go to the death. When they do, it might be accidental. Two deer with a big raft of antlers may stick the antlers into the other...each other and kill them or the antlers can lock and they will die of starvation, but the death is not the intent. When we have people in these institutions, those principles are magnified and exacerbated, so we've got to give those who operate these facilities a tool by which they can tell these people, keep in check the aggression that we know may be there...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and you will get out of here quicker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Very briefly, Mr. Speaker, members, I rise in support of the bill and want to applaud Senator Brashear's comments. In fact, his comments echo some of the concerns I had. When I saw the bill come forward, I thought, boy, this is a chance to vote against a piece of legislation that looked tough on crime but I did notice that the one person who testified in support of the bill was from Lancaster County Department of Corrections, so I had my staff call, find out what the situation was. After hearing the situation, I felt that, in good conscience, I couldn't do anything other than vote for the bill because it's exactly as Senator Brashear talked about. The people out there in the tranches that are working with the correctional facilities, with the inmates that we've sent to jail, are telling me, at least in Lancaster County, we're full up, we have a brand new jail, it's bigger than our courthouse, still already it's full up, don't have enough room and they're having a difficult time with something like four staff people trying to deal with 130 inmates and trying to control the