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and create another system statutorily without us even knowing what the ramifications are going to be of it. How many people are in these programs? What are the selection criteria? Who makes the selection? Are there businessmen, politically connected people who can tell the judge or the administrators or whoever decides who goes into these programs, I've got a kid that I think you need to let into this program? I need you to waive certain of your requirements, and since nothing is written in statute anyway, you can run it like you please. And whenever something is done that way, those on the bottom side or the underside of the garment always get the short end of the stick, or if you want to, the heavy end of the log. We're always carrying the heavy end of the log. Always. And it never changes, and this program will be no different.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So I am not saying that because I'm willing to work to try to make the bill somewhat presentable that I will support putting in statute a drug court. Based on my attitude that I've expressed in the committee, to Senator Aguilar and others, I'm against this drug court idea, period. Senator Bruning said he heard nobody stand on the floor and say that it was not the best of ideas or not a good idea. He is hearing one say it now because it is not fairly administered. It is as discriminatory and racist as the entire criminal justice system. So you're overlaying another system that is not being fairly administered, but I am going to work with Senator Aguilar, as I said, but that doesn't mean that the finished product is something that I will vote to put into statute. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Time. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This is not a sour grapes talk. It's what...agree with Senator Chambers. Most of you know that I'm a drug and alcohol counselor. I've worked in this field now for 20 years. I work with people who are in trouble with the law. I don't call myself an expert but I do have expertise in the field because this is where I've been. The Department of Corrections