

because last year Senator Langford had a bill in here that passed relatively easy extending the statute of limitations. It was her priority bill, LB 211. I think there were only eight people that voted against that. I voted against it. I'm sure much to Senator Langford's chagrin I voted against it. But I did that for a reason, because those cases become stale. There are problems with extending the statute of limitations. You allow vendettas, you allow all sorts of other things to come in when you extend the statute of limitations. And we also...Senator Chizek talked about ex post facto laws. You know those are laws that I want to make sure we know what we're getting into. We are not taking cases that are dead, in other words, cases where the statute of limitations have expired. We can't do that. If the statute of limitations on some of these actions have passed, they're gone. There is nothing we can do to revive them. My opinion of what the law is, we can extend the statute of limitations, though, for cases that are still pending. In other words, if the statute of limitations are going to run out in July, those cases are still prosecutable, we can extend that statute of limitations for another...as long as we want to. There is a problem here and you need to understand what we're doing. You're talking about an event that could happen when somebody was five years old, and they may well have another 19 or 20 years to bring that case. Think what could happen in those 19 or 20 years. It's a possibility. The reason I'm standing up here is to say that I don't like extending statute of limitations. But I'm also willing to go on a limb with the Franklin Committee who have guaranteed...well, they haven't guaranteed to me because they can't. Senator Baack just told us we can't, I agree with him, they can't guarantee us a thing, and they shouldn't. But I think what you've got to do is look at the statute of limitations and say, is it worth the chance, is it worth the gamble? I come down on the side right now it is. I don't like extending those statute of limitations. How big is Franklin? I don't know. Every sexual assault case...

SENATOR LABEDZ: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...that I've prosecuted, or I think anybody else, if you all would have sat in and listened to what the police, the investigators would have told us, I don't care which sexual assault case, they're all big. I don't know if the Franklin Committee is experiencing things that I experienced as a prosecutor, you'd get this evidence brought to you, and you'd