

go, I'm not sick, there's nothing wrong with me, and they are, in effect, a hard-core person, those people then go to the penitentiary and spend their time. Unfortunately, what happens so often is that we do the treatment on the front end, when they first come into the penitentiary, they get done with their treatment and they spend the rest of their sentence in the penitentiary relearning the bad things and being in not a very supportive environment and, thus, we really haven't solved the problem and maybe, in fact, made them worse. What this bill does is change that whole system. We get rid of that Sentence Review Committee that I sat on. Those people were very dedicated but, quite frankly, they only met four times a year. With the backlog that occurred with the numbers of people coming in, they weren't able to really successfully handle that. The experiment that we did just plain didn't work. Now what this bill does is go back to a system where the Department of Public Institutions is going to treat these people. When the judge gets them, instead of being sent off for an evaluation right away, the judge is going to make an initial determination whether he can resentence them in the future and sort of, in effect, sends them off to DPI to see if they can be treated, because within 60 days they'll have to be evaluated to see what sort of treatment is available or appropriate for them to do that. DPI will be in charge of the treatment, but they will not be set in this MDSO procedure, which takes a tremendous amount of time and which locks us in. The worst part of this...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ..is the back end. The back end under the old law, when someone came out and they're sentenced, for example they were sentenced to five years in prison and they got some of their treatment for a mentally-disordered sex offender, but at the end it said we've got to file a Mental Health Board on them. Now if they were completely cured or ready and able to be sent out to the population, the law was so inflexible it didn't allow us to make that consideration and so we automatically had to file that Mental Health Board on them. Some of these people that was the most inappropriate thing in the world we could do with them and it didn't help. We do away with that procedure as well. This way, and I'll speak to this again as my time is drawing near, but this bill will allow us to be very flexible in treating those mentally-disordered sex offenders. They will be evaluated. They'll be also, hopefully, treated on the back end,...