

during the early part of the sentence because if you look at that chart that they put in there, a point is reached where you get six months off anyway. So during the early part of the sentence you will get more good time off than currently is the case. But if you misbehave, you lose the good time so it's not like this is time that you get and no matter how you conduct yourself in prison you keep the six months off your sentence. So if a person objects to this additional time, then they probably would say this is a bad bill. But remember, Senator Haberman, a lot of what exists with reference to good time is bookkeeping and the types or classifications of good time. Senator Pirsch mentioned one, meritorious, like if you work with Prison Industries. Well, there are not enough positions in Prison Industries for everybody to work. The programs that are out there are not adequate. So if you have a set of circumstances where certain inmates can get good time because they participate in a program which is not available to others, that is unfair on its face. This would take away different categories of good time and everybody gets the same amount when they enter the institution. If you don't misbehave, all of that good time you hold. If you misbehave, you lose it. So on the face of it, Senator Haberman, it appears that you're getting more good time. But if you do away with these categories where some people can get more than others because they can get in programs that are not open to others, then it equals out. And I don't know if that answers your question. It's not a simple system. It has gotten increasingly complex as laws have been enacted that give different ways for calculating the good time. What the Department of Corrections indicated to me and the statement from this man from the Department of Corrections indicated is that it simplifies all of that bookkeeping. It takes away these different categories of good time and everybody enters the institution on the same footing. Now if there is something hidden in here...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and it's a boon to the criminals, the Department of Corrections whose job it is to administer this program are the ones who brought the bill. And the one who drafted it I think currently works for the Attorney General now. So those are the people who put the bill together. If there's trickery here, they did it.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, I guess the answer to my question would