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PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I believe that there are inmates or members of their family who will challenge the activities of this board, especially since this man has placed actions as a member of the board at a time when he was not legally in a position to do so. The working relationship between him and the current board members is not good. I included in the packet of information three memos and they detail the absence of a proper or professional working relationship. Because my time is just about up, I'll end on that note, but I intend to go on because I'm trying to make a legislative record.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President. I yield my time to Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Madam President, this packet of information that I gave you contains some articles and it also lists a couple of statutes, one of them I touched on gives the specific requirements for people on this board. One of the qualifications that Senator Chizek says that this gentleman has is that of a professional background in corrections. Nothing that this man has done would qualify him as having a background of any kind in corrections. And although Senator Chizek may not know what a professional background is, although the Governor may not know what a professional background is, there are experts in the field of corrections who do. And I'm sure that in a court challenge of the actions of this board, such testimony would be made a matter of record. Now in this particular article on the first page, we see where Mr. Renteria mentioned his work in the juvenile division of the county attorney's office as qualifying him for a corrections background because he said that acquainted him with prisons. But what he ought to realize is that there is very little contact in this state between juveniles and the prison system and I attach, as page 14 of this handout, some of the floor debate from 1969, LB 1307, which created the Board of Parole by statute. And it was pointed out by the introducer of that bill was the aim, among other things, to completely separate juveniles from corrections. So Mr. Renteria, while he was doing