

revolving door of the correctional facilities to maybe balance that with more time. And I know in some states that the second and third...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...offenses do require more reduction of good time.

SENATOR LINDSAY: And I wouldn't disagree with you,...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Uh-huh.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...that is probably the case. But that gets into a discussion of the whole concept of good time. This is very limited in that what you're trying to do...

SENATOR PIRSCH: This is my time, thank you, Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Oh, I'm sorry.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, and I am thinking of perhaps introducing that, if indeed this bill should pass from General File. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Before we go on to the next speaker, I would like to call the Legislature's attention to some guests of ours today. Paul Cohan of Lombard, Illinois, and Michael McCabe, also of Lombard, Illinois. They are from the Council of State Governments Midwestern Office, and they're under the north balcony. Please welcome these men to our Chamber today. Thank you. Senator Jensen, on LB 234.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, I rise in opposition to LB 234. I think this is the opposite message that was sent by the voters in a November election. Here we are about ready to reward criminals for their actions, we are about ready to reward them by saying that even though you were sentenced to 14 days, you can...are allowed to serve 7, and I just think that's the wrong message. These sentences, at 14 days, are normally for those who are first offenders. And it seems to me that we have an offender who is testing the water, who believes that he can get away with the crime without doing the time. I believe we do need to send a message that we're not going to tolerate that kind of activity, we're not going to