

it did, especially after in my campaign we did talk about the good time law that was passed in this body and that was three years ago. We did talk about the state good time law that this body passed and people were furious out there. Aren't you listening? Please just listen to the people out there. They're not telling you, lower my taxes and let these guys out on the street. They're telling you, we are willing to pay for incarceration of violent individuals or any individual who has broken the law, to keep them in prison for at least close to somewhere near even half of their sentence for the period of time that they have been sentenced and we're willing to pay for that. That's where my tax dollars are going. Cut out all the other...they don't say cut out the money for prisons, they say cut out all the nonsense that doesn't mean anything to anybody or we're not getting our money's worth. They don't say take it out of the prisons and release violent criminals back out onto our streets. I didn't hear anybody say that to me. I want to know from somebody in the committee, there was an individual, Diane Riebe, who testified against this bill, what she testified against and what her concerns were when the bill was in committee.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: And I guess I want to say just one last thing. This does weaken our truth in sentencing laws and, boy, they're taking a shot at this every chance they can get. There is still some question as to some of these changes might be in the Governor's crime bill this year. If you can't get it through the truth in sentencing, why not get it through the good time if you can't get these people's sentences cut in half, if we can't get these judges, I mean they're going the other way even. The judges are going the other way. If we can't get them to participate in this kind of a good time proposal, then we're going to bring it through the Legislature and try to get 25 votes here. I ask you to vote against this bill, do it on General File. If you do pass it, at least make it permissive language and don't say that they shall get it, say that they may get it and let's keep them guessing and keep them behaving for a little longer. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members of the body, I just want to know if I could ask Senator Lindsay a