

SENATOR LINDSAY: That would be right.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Right. Well...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Vrtiska, as opposed to the eight months from now.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yeah.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I mean, they're not doing the full year right now...

SENATOR VRTISKA: I understand that. You're just shortening it up by a couple more months by putting this provision in there. I guess my position is, and certainly I can see some merits, but my position is that I don't really understand that it is that much more valuable between six and eight months and I'm not very supportive of reducing it down that much. One of the things that I'm concerned about and it has been a long-time concern and I'm sure it is to many people on this floor and that is the very fact that the cost of prosecution. We talk about the cost of incarceration, but the cost of prosecution of many of these people, even to county jails, has become so exorbitant because of the time that it takes to go through all the procedures that it takes to get a conviction and I guess I look at the savings that could be made if we could somehow change the system where some of these cases could be expedited and not drag on for so long. But that's a whole new issue and I'm certainly not going to bring that up as a part of this bill obviously because it has nothing to do with it. I am a little bit concerned about the fact that we are trying to give more time and I understand, and I'm sure that that's the prime purpose, that the cost of incarceration of these people in many places has gotten so exorbitant that people are trying to figure out ways to cut down costs and obviously this is one way to do it. But I'm not too sure that it is the right way so I'm not at this point very supportive of the proposal. Thank you.

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

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Crosby and members. This is certainly not my priority bill, I didn't think it would be quite this controversial given the fact, as I was saying to Senator Witek, and I've got the legislative history and let me just read from it. Two years ago when I introduced LB 113,