

SENATOR ROBINSON: How about are there any felons that are kept in county jails? I presume they are for a while, but...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right. They are, certainly pre-sentence and while awaiting sentences. If they're sentenced to in excess of a year then they can't serve it in the county jail.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Going back to the eight months to the six months, do you think that individual that serves the two extra months...do you think he's reformed anymore than if he would serve six months?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I don't, no. I mean, six months in a county jail is not an easy thing to serve. The two extra months, I'd be hard pressed to point to a case where that deterred somebody from crime in the future.

SENATOR ROBINSON: How about the shorter sentences, say 30 days or whatever?

SENATOR LINDSAY: It depends, those can be effective, those can be ineffective. It depends on the person who is being sentenced.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, I understand that.

SENATOR LINDSAY: So, you know, for some people, if somebody is getting a large amount of time, I'm not sure that six is going to do it anymore than eight. I don't know that 20 years is going to do it anymore than a day. I don't know that...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. The Chair recognizes Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. I also sat for quite a while, not really intending to speak on this. But as I listened I feel compelled to do that. I'm looking for some compelling reason why we should pass a law. I think one of the things I came down here with, a couple years ago, was kind of the philosophy that if I can't see a good reason for doing something then I probably won't do it. And I don't think that's a bad philosophy. I don't suggest that I've always been able to follow it, but I try to remember it, and this is one of those