

will not pay for additional facilities, which says to me then if that's the case we have to give some type of tools, some type of leeway to the people who are in charge, who do have to manage this population, and this would be one tool for them to use, and for that reason I will support Senator Lindsay's bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. The Chair recognizes Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, I'd just like to respectfully call the question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? Seeing five hands, the question before you is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 13 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate shall not cease. The Chair recognizes Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I want to just make some comments on some of the comments that are made by some of the other senators that our staff has been checking on. First of all, Senator Pedersen, it's not about bad check writers only, and it is what I would term violent offenses in some of these cases. I guess, your term of violent may be different, so we have to go with this. Here's some of them, motor vehicle homicide, assault in the third degree, sexual assault in the third degree, arson in the third degree, prostitution, obstructing government operations, obstructing a police officer, resisting arrest, operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest, these are all some of these nonviolent offenses that people are sentenced for. And you have to understand, too, that at the time that this occurs, that many times they have plea bargained from another offense, especially in some of the DWI cases. This is repetitive DWI cases in a lot of cases, and they plea bargain a lot of these things down. So, it isn't necessarily that that was even the offense committed, it's just the offense that the individual was sentenced for in a lot of cases. You know that, and even I, who, in Senator Chambers' words, is ignorant of the system, I do understand that much of it, that many, many times when we're talking truth in sentencing we're not just talking about notifying an individual of what their true sentence is,