

which is, in its purest form, exactly what that means. But many times when individuals are talking about truth in sentencing they're saying that if an individual commits a crime they don't want it bargained down to just about no time served. And then on top of that the individual is given good time in the prison. They're saying if they commit the crime that they should do the time, at least, at least a larger portion of the time than they are at this time receiving. That's what that public, myself included who are ignorant of the judicial system, are saying to you, the people who are making the laws. We're saying the people who are committing these crimes, and this is not bad check writing, people, this is assaults, this is, you know, motor vehicle homicide, these are...these, to me, are serious offenses, serious enough to have those individuals incarcerated for at least six months in a jail. And you're telling me that if they're sentenced to 11 months or a year in jail that you're going to give them, if they behave in jail, 6 months time only. You're telling that judge, forget what you decide that you think is the best thing, even though you've been there to hear exactly what's happened in each and every case, and you've been the one who's decided what's going to happen in these cases, we don't care what you've decided. We're saying, because we're the Legislature in Nebraska, that we're going to tell them that if they behave in these jails, I did say jails, in these jails that we're going to cut their time in half. And it's not 20 to 17, Senator Chambers, he is proposing today 20 to 10, in half, completely in half on their time. And we're saying, you don't have to behave for 14 days now, you only have to behave for 7 days if you want 7 days off. And I did read the transcript from when Senator Lindsay introduced 113, two years ago, and he did say at the time that it was one for one credit, six months for six months. So he, himself, explained it that way. Luckily, I guess, when this bill went through that isn't what it was reading. So, I guess, in Senator Lindsay's...of you it was a "screw up". In my particular view, that accomplished exactly what you want to accomplish. You want to give the individual some good time to promote good behavior, those individuals who think that that's necessary, and we still...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...make those individuals serve some, not a little more than half, of their sentence. I think that what we've got is good enough, I think it would make the majority of the individuals in this body happy. I see absolutely no reason