

foolishness. But they can do it if they want to. There's a job of reeducating every two years that has to go on around here. There are people, Senator Jensen, who spoke against me and campaigned against me, and then their name winds up being on bills with me as a cosponsor. They learn. I don't change, they don't change, they just get more information and find out they've been snookered and rooked because they didn't know anything, and they thought the person advising them knew more. Just look around at our records in the Legislature and see which things we get done. Now, it would seem that I couldn't get anything done, but check my record, because there's such a thing as integrity. And even one who infuriates people can nevertheless be known to have integrity and to be incorruptible. So, when we're on a bill such as this and misinformation is deliberately given, it's offensive to me. What needs to be pointed out to the Legislature is while some people are chortling and crowing about having tricked the Legislature into changing a law which said that only...the minimum sentence could only be one-third of the maximum, and they're chortling about it, what is happening is that more people are going to the penitentiary for longer times. But it's pushing the penitentiary higher and higher above capacity...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and they're coming closer to the point where the federal courts are going to impose a cap on the number of people who can be put in the penitentiary. Then what is Senator Pirsch going to say? How much boasting will she do? How much chortling will Senator Witek do? Senator Jensen is new and he can say, well, I didn't really understand the impact of it. But those are the realities that people don't even care about when they make the kind of statements they make on the floor and we enact this foolish legislation and create problems for those who still must operate the prisons and the jails. This bill is an administrative tool, it's needed by those who operate these jails, and it is not done by those who are soft on crime. They're trying to make life livable for themselves and their employees. And I hope that you will cut through all of the other and see what the true issue is here and support the advancement of this bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The Chair recognizes Senator Bernard-Stevens.