

things are, well, I shouldn't say I'm very happy, I'm...I will allow it to stand where it is right now, although I've said that I...if I could get a bill through Judiciary, I would switch them at both the state and the city/county level. But if this is what the body, as a majority, wants to do is to allow good time, I think we should consider that there are some crimes that are worse than others and that we should make a call and say that there's a difference and allow the judge to make that call for us. So that's all this amendment will do is make it permissive at the call of the sentencing judge. And I would hope that you would advance this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Pedersen, your light is still on, I assume on the bill. Senator Lindsay, on the amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I concur with the last statement that Senator Witek made. Some crimes are different from each other and some crimes should carry stiffer penalties than others. Unfortunately, we've, through the way that we've not been consistent on our good time, we have made the less serious crime to be more serious. We've allowed more jail time to be imposed for the crimes that are less serious. When Senator Witek talks about some of those crimes where she thinks six months is not enough, she's not referring to this bill. She's referring to the other bill or the other issue she's talking about, good time in the prison system. The more serious crimes are not covered by this bill. This is not a big, huge crime bill. What this is is a bill which deals with how we serve the time in county jails, and when we're talking about it, by its very nature, it cannot be a crime that exceeds a year. This absolutely cannot apply to a felony. It absolutely cannot apply to it. It applies to the lesser serious crimes and generally what we're talking about is not even the crimes that Senator Witek's talking about. We're generally talking about much, much shorter sentences. But, getting to the substance of the amendment, I think in order to do this we have to be careful that we make the other changes that we need to in Article V if we're going to make these changes to this particular section, because Article V is...runs together, Chapter 47, Article V, is all to be read together. By changing this to discretionary here, you've got to make sure you change the other statutes, the other sections that are contained in that Article. Finally, I suspect you're going to get some objection from your judges if they have to go through and start determining good time. If we start allowing the granting of good time at the discretion of