

they serve, so it has nothing to do, as Senator Robak said, well, it keeps people in prison, they can't get back to work. Yes, they can, they can work under this and still get that day in prison. If they leave in the morning and go to work and come back and serve their time at night, they still get that day in prison. That's their day on; that's their day for good behavior. That's the day served, even though they've gone out and worked at their job. So it has nothing to do with people being stopped from going to work who have work permits. It has nothing to do with behaviors. It simply has to do with releasing...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...individuals who have very high recidivism rates in a lot of cases, the DWIs especially, and allowing them to be adjudicated again in very short periods of time. And, to me, it's outrageous that you are considering this again. I'm glad that you defeated it the last time. I really hope that you will use those same...that same reasoning and defeat it again this time. If you don't want to adopt this amendment, then please defeat the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Witek. Further discussion on the Witek amendment? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Witek did not address the issues I raised with reference to her amendment. And I'm going to say them again, because when the record is considered on these matters and occasionally the record is, I want it to be crystal clear that I am trying, when these kind of things come before us, to protect the Legislature from enacting in a hasty, emotional way provisions that are unconstitutional. One of the reasons that the federal government has done more to intrude, as the word is used, into state activities is because state legislators are so uninformed about the law or so unconcerned about it that they do things that take away constitutional rights from citizens, rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution. And, because the states were so careless, and, by the way, anybody can get in a legislature, so to be here doesn't mean you have education, doesn't mean you have intelligence, doesn't mean you're not venal, all it means is that you got more votes than somebody and usually by calling the other one a bigger rat than you are. And I've got to bring up The Bell Curve again. We, who are black