

you were talking about that, and I was just trying to work up some language...

SENATOR BROMM: Okay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...to do what you're talking...

SENATOR BROMM: All right.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...about and it seems valid to me.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise in support of the concept embodied in Senator Lindsay's amendment. I think it corrects the situation that Senator Witek spoke to with regard to the original committee amendments. I don't believe, and I would disagree strenuously with the argument that somehow there was a wave of opposition in Omaha or in Douglas County to this proposal. I think there was actually a few people who have decided they want to be able to do things differently than would be provided under state law. The proposal that Senator Lindsay offers, whether the actual wording is the way it should be, as Senator Bromm rightly points out, maybe there is a need to tailor it a little more finely with regard to ensuring that the crimes or the charges are of similar nature, but, at the same time, when you're dealing with a situation that does take away an individual's liberty, they ought to have the ability. And I would agree with Senator Chambers that I think the six-month requirement is one that, as a state, we have the ability to, as Senator Bromm put it, be more compassionate, and I would argue we should be. The amendment is one that brings us to that point where we can address it. I would hope that we would adopt it as an amendment to the committee amendments. If it needs to be fine-tuned, if you will, to ensure that the charges that we're dealing with are similar in scope, that's fine, and maybe there's a better way to say that so that the intent is spelled out and clear as it can be within the statute. But, clearly, I believe that the amendment takes care of the arguments that were made earlier in opposition to the committee amendment and I would urge that it's a very fine compromise that ought to be adopted. It doesn't go as far as I might like or Senator Chambers might like, but I