

amendments.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: And by the way, as a clarification, this is a bill that had been advanced to General File on two different occasions, each time with committee amendments. We are dealing with the committee amendments that were accompanying the bill on its second advancement, is that correct, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I believe members may wish to refer to AM2061.

SPEAKER WITHEM: AM2061 is the matter that is before the body at this time. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. That is correct. I appreciate the clarification, Mr. Speaker and Mr. Clerk. The bill was referred back to committee by the Speaker for the purpose of reviewing what at that time I think there were 21 amendments which had been filed, to review those and get some indication from the committee, at least on those that ought to be incorporated into committee amendments, and those that should stand along as propositions on the floor to be determined by a vote of the body. Some of those were adopted in committee. Some were not adopted. Generally, if they were not adopted, it was for what appeared to be a lack of some consensus at that time. The amendments which were adopted by the committee and are before you now are AM2061, and that is what I will briefly summarize for you now. The committee amendments make some changes in several different areas. The first general area is in the area of good time. The committee amendments clarify that area, language that has been worked out between Senator Pedersen and the Department of Corrections, it's language that Corrections felt would make it easy, but the bottom line is that the intent is that good time will be split from the current six months of good time for each six months served, would now be for each six months served three months of good time would be handled as it is today, and then the other half of that, the other three months would be earned by the inmate through participation in work programs, educational programs, and drug rehabilitation, something other than simply receiving the good time for the purpose of or because of not engaging in activities which result in disciplinary violations. The specific language that was corrected was making it clear