

have different standards by which they procure good time. Some people who went in when you get...and this is, in a sense, an oversimplification, three months for every year of the sentence, others six months for every year of the sentence, then with this bill conditionally maybe six months, maybe three, and somebody is going to have to keep records individually on each one of these people, based on the law that we enact. If we enact a law that changes the way by which good time is reckoned, that law will apply only to those sentenced after the enactment of that law and its effective date. Anybody sentenced prior to that is covered by the law in place at the time they were sentenced. And there are people in the prison right now, different people serving and accumulating time, good time, under different statutes. So some who have been there a longer time will see others come in later but get out sooner because more good time was granted to those who came in later. Then you will have the situation that we're creating where the staff at the Corrections Department will depend, based on how they react to an inmate, whether he or she will get six months good time for each year or three months. And we create all of these nightmares, not just for the inmates but for the staff and those who have to deal with them. When we create all of these mandatory minimum sentences it sounds good for the Governor in the last of his...in his second term which is the last one he can serve and maybe it will be a jump-off to run for the U.S. Senate, but after he's long gone either to the Senate or dead. Problems that we create if we enact these bills into law are going to continue to be with us because once a person has been sentenced by a judge we cannot pass a law that will change that person's sentence. If we all come to our senses, after this bill is put into law, if it is, and I hope it's not, but if it were put into law and a number of people got those mandatory 25-year sentences and we didn't like it, a number of them got those mandatory 10-year sentences and we didn't think it was fair, we could not come back and pass a law to modify those sentences. Once it's imposed, the only instrumentality empowered under the constitution to change that sentence by lessening it is the Pardons Board and they're not going to do it. So we'll have people serving those long sentences, we come to our senses and change the law, people sentenced after we change the law for the same offense will get less time. And if you don't have an understanding of what creates problems, contentions and incendiary conditions in a correctional facility, talk to Senator Pedersen, talk to the Director of Corrections, talk to the warden or anybody in whom you have confidence and the