

So I hope you will consider this amendment. I hope you will support it.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here's what I will say in my one minute. With all of the talk that we hear from politicians about crime and its prevention being uppermost in everybody's mind, look around this Chamber. Does it look, from our sparse numbers, that the senators are concerned about crime or the discussion of this bill that we've been told is so important? No. I see Senator Witek and a few, that's why I said our sparse numbers, there are a few people here. But I meant...well, Senator Beutler counted them, 14 out of 49. That should...this is a political issue. I'm trying to take enough time, instead of just offering amendments to stop the bill, to get us to see what it is we're doing. Others have joined in the discussion to do that. I believe questions that have been asked were serious, sincere questions. They were entitled to answers. When they were addressed to me I tried to give the best answer that I could. But I think if all this talk of how bad an issue crime is...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I'm going to be frank with you. Although I'm prepared to talk forever, I didn't expect to really do it this early in the game because I thought this amendment that we're talking about would not be taken seriously. Where we're going to take an unintentional act and raise it to the level of an intentional act, I didn't think we would do that. But the point I was going to make before I ran out of time deals with how serious people are going to say that this issue of crime is. When surveys are taken, unless the questions are loaded and you give people just a narrow range of questions, I bet most of you all are talked to by your constituents about property taxes. Nobody has said have a demonstration around the courthouse or sit in on courtroom trials because you don't like the way judges are giving sentences, but you will find overwhelming participation in gatherings related to property