

here and I get lost. But the fiscal note for this is \$487,509, and that is for education, substance abuse and data automation. Most of these programs we already have. Now I'm not really speaking to Senator Witek's amendment, but in case I need the time I'm using my time talking on her amendment to get a few things across. The people that we have in prison today in the State of Nebraska somewhere close to 2,700 prisoners. We probably have somewhere in the area of 700 meaningful jobs, meaning we have 2,000 people who do not have meaningful jobs. They have little assignments they do and make somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1.30 a day for that little assignment. Some of them choose, are not forced to but choose to work a lot more than that and will find jobs that require a lot more from them than that. But they don't have the jobs, people. And that's going to be a different area that I can talk about at a different time we're talking about this area of the bill. But that leaves a bunch of people who don't have anything to do while they're in prison. Do we want these people... That's what I have problems with, that's why I do not support mandatory minimums because we send them to prison and don't do anything with them and send them right back out. We have 54 percent of our inmates are out in 18 months, 70 percent in 2 years and 84 percent in 3 years. Doubling that time isn't going to do any good if we don't do something with them when we have them. The amendments I brought forth here are three different amendments that are all brought into one area under the separation but it's going to require something of the inmates to be involved in programs. The amendment says very clearly that if they've already finished a high school education or GED, general equivalency diploma, that maybe they can look at another program. If they've finished all them programs and have them all then we can't require more of them. If it would have been divided out into the three... I guess in my estimation if I want this amendment to do through, which I do, it's probably better for me that they've grouped them altogether, but there were three separate amendments in here to begin with, and they include that the department has to set up a... regarding their parole eligibility and what they have to do to get that. Sixty days after their commitment an offender, to the Department of Correctional Services, must have an approved personalized program plan which will be drawn up to fully explain it to the offender. Part of that program would go into that they have the structured programming and that they earn their good time. This does not mean that they lose their good time unless it's part of their structure of their program and they refused to do it, then