

eighty-eight, 147,880 dollars of this are going to be spent in a program called "Pre-employment Training", which needs to be done to get these...we have a lot of people who hit the streets and need some help in that area and it's a program that needs beefing up quite a bit. Again, these amendments, or this section as it has now been put down to be, is going to give prisoners something to do. And in some areas, especially with the young, they can require them to work and that's why we see in that...in the part where I definitely want to put in there...and I did this with corrections people. I didn't do it by myself. In no event shall a person be committed to the department be ineligible...be considered ineligible for good time due to the unavailability of services. And it also says, step above, if a person committed to the department refuses to participate in the structured programming described in subsection (1) of this section, he or she shall be subject to disciplinary action including a loss of privileges, good time or both by the department. Yes, I do have a little bit of fear that we'll be taking good time for no reason at all. But we have a...I'm real pleased with the correctional department we have in the State of Nebraska, they work very, very hard. And as Senator Witek mentioned, the job thing, which she...the book she had read, I have had an interim study that I introduced last year that we turned into...I'll now call it a task force. My staff and I went out to lunch yesterday with the Omaha Chamber, which we are aggressively working on, trying to find more private venture...jobs in prison so people can do this. We already have in statute that if they are getting the private venture money that a certain percentage of it goes to room and board, a certain percentage can be used for spousal and child support, restitution and fines, and it will give them a chance to save something more than just \$100 that we give them at gate pay. I don't have enough time in this time, I'll push my button again. But I'm going to talk to you a little bit about good time. As Senator Witek mentioned if she had her way they would take away all good time. And as some of you know who have gone on prison tours,...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: ...and I've talked to you about good time and people doing good time, what good time is there for. And I'll try and explain to you a little bit about jamming and what we call jamming their time and what good time can help in this area. Thank you.