

is the bad part. Without good time when them people jam, and some of them do anyway, jam means you've reached the last date that you can be incarcerated and you are released. You are taken to the gate and you are released. I have actually seen where they have taken a prisoner and shackled him and handcuffed him and tied him up with chains and took him to the gate, took off the handcuffs and chains and said "adios". That's called jamming. Now not all of them have to do that to jam. But we will have more people jamming the more good time we take away. And that means we have got people hitting the streets who have not got any gradual reentry into society via parole, a parole officer, somebody to help them get started. The Parole Department, that's what their job is. I personally see that as being pretty scary.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: And we definitely have to take a look at every time we talk about good time, that good time is not just there to say good boy, we're letting you out because you committed that crime. Good time is a tool, it's a tool used by the prison, it's a tool used by society, and it's a tool we need. Now I don't support giving more than 50 percent in good time. And when the judges, that's another whole issue, but when the judges in our state, the only one I really understand and as I've been at many sentencings, they take that into consideration when they pass judgment. Thank you, Senator Crosby, for your time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I was going to originally support Senator Witek's amendment, but I am going to ask...now I'm not so sure and I want to ask her some questions. Why really do we think we need the Governor's approval of this particular area? I, too, have quite a bit of faith in the director. And I mean I wonder will it turn into a political decision, is that part of the thinking to save us from a political decision? Or why do we really need to have the Governor in this issue?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Well, I guess I had the choice of taking the