

he does. I'm like a...and part...I'm just making an example now, I'm not referring to myself as carrion. But I'm like that tiny piece of carrion and you got 500 hungry buzzards flying around and that little piece of carrion hits the ground and they all swoop down on it. Sometimes I scarcely get out of there in one piece. Everybody has a case for me to look at. Everybody has a problem for me to solve. Everybody has a medical condition that needs...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to be addressed. So I accept calls from the institution. I get a lot of letters and I do what I'm able to do. But there is no way I would say I'm an expert in corrections or that I can lay out in a systematic way all of the programs that should be in place. If I become aware of a problem area, I can help address that. But because the director is the one given the responsibility and the director has the expertise, giving this language that we're putting into the statute to the director I don't think is going to lead to any abuse of authority. But I think putting the Governor into this would be an undue restriction and it really could create a political situation as the Governor has tried to inject himself into the operation of the Parole Board and even take action prohibited by the constitution and the laws because of public outcry. We don't want the day-to-day operation of the penitentiary to be in the same situation, and I'm not saying that...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...as a general indictment of the Governor, but just to show how problems can arise.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Couple of, maybe it was yesterday even, we just voted to have the Governor have oversight over the contract situation here in Nebraska because there was some trouble. There wasn't enough oversight and contracts were being signed of, you know, six million dollar contracts binding the state, and we needed to have, we felt, the Governor have oversight in that area. I guess that's kind of the same idea I have here just oversight, nothing...not a day-to-day oversight, unless