

concern here. I have concerns there certainly. If costs go up in these areas and we need either more money for these areas because we obviously said that we...it's a mandate to the department and it's a mandate to the prisoners, so if costs go up in these areas are we willing to go ahead and put more money into this? This could prove to be a very expensive portion of the amendment. And all I wanted to do was have some oversight by the Governor's office. But I don't want to upset Senator Pedersen who, this is his portion of the amendment, because he does like this positive time. And I do...it's not that I'm opposed to good time, although it makes me...I don't like the one-on-one. as soon as you get in the door your time is cut in half. I think that's too much.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: I would much rather see violent criminals not have any good time and those individuals who have an opportunity, have opportunity for less good time. So that's just my personal opinion on the good time, and I understand it's necessary in some instances to control the behavior of the individuals within the prisons. But I still think, and there have even been propositions here by senators to make it even less than half on the good time. So it can go either way and mine would be to go a little bit to less good time. But if you're determined to put in this positive time, I hope you'll be just as little bit more careful about the language that you're putting in. I will pull my amendment because I don't want to have something in here, since I'm not going to be voting for this anyway, that the person who is...this is their portion of the amendment, does not want in here. But I guess I appreciate the debate and the discussion because I think it's an area that people need to look at very carefully. Thank you. And, yes, I did say I would pull it, just like you do.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Witek, I'm sorry, you're pulling that amendment now? The amendment will be withdrawn then. Mr. Clerk, any other amendments?

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend, Mr. President. (Chambers amendment, FA249, appears on page 2351 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Chambers.