

SENATOR PEDERSEN: I'll try.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pedersen, we're at the point now, if I understand this correctly, of saying that this so called positive good time is available to be earned, and it would consist of three months per year.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If these programs are not available, meaning that there are some inmates who could not participate in these programs because of their unavailability, those inmates would still get six months for every year.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: That is right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we're not creating a situation where we're saying the only way you can earn good time is if you attend these programs and if the programs are not there you cannot earn good time. We're saying that if the programs are not there you're not going to be penalized because the programs are not provided.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: That's right, I would not support that if that was there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now, every inmate will still get the three months per year good time upon entering the system.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: That's right, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this is on top of that.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you, Senator Pedersen. I like the programming aspects of Senator Pedersen's amendment, but I don't like them tied to good time and I'll tell you why. We're creating too many different bases for determining good time. We have too many inmates who are accumulating good time on a different basis. And because we cha... I was the one who brought the law change last time that gave the inmates six months per