

pay close attention as we move it along, which I assume we will do because we all know that we do have, even in Nebraska which we think of as such a clean state, we have problems as far as crime. And if we send everyone to jail...

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...and just have them sit there and no rehab, you know what happens when they come out. It just goes back into the same cycle. Thank you for the extra 20 seconds.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is next.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Chambers, well, I'm not sure who was talking about moving one rock from one pile to the next, but maybe sometimes we'll be talking about moving rocks from the right brain over to the left brain and see how that will go, but, with that just for a philosophical discussion, I would yield my time to Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Pedersen, you are recognized. You have four and a half minutes.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. It's the first time since I've been in the Legislature I had to ask somebody else for time. I need to mention one more time that these are not social programs, these are programs to keep people busy and working and moving in that system. There's one part that I...we did not talk about at all and I think it's worth mentioning down here on page 4, line 24, number 5 in one of the programs that any person committed to the department who is qualified by reason of education, training or experience to teach academic or vocational classes may be given the opportunity to teach such classes to committed offenders as part of the structured programming described in this section. We have a lot of people in prison who are very bright and have educations, college, masters, lawyers, juris doctor, I should have said, who are capable of teaching and helping. Some of them have trades. So part of this is open there, too, to put them to work, doing the thing they know how, helping other prisoners. We've got to do something to s*tructure their time and not let them just sit there. Now, Charles...Senator Witek mentioned the Charles Colson book and we've talked about it and