

which would require that inmates earn one-half of their good time. The current law is that it's given on a one for one basis when they come in. This clarifies that portion of the bill that deals with them getting one...or three months for each year and then having to earn three months for each year. It sets forth some things in the structured programming part of it, things that will be required of all adult inmates and those basically are education, work or work training, or drug rehab. Basically, you must be involved in something rather than simply sitting out the time, doing nothing. It does require, and I think we've heard that quite a bit, at least I have from constituents, where they want inmates to do something while they're in prison. I think this is an opportunity to do that, to make that kind of a requirement. It does have...it does have...there's been some discussion about cost. My understanding, from talking with...from our dealings with the department is that these programs are already in effect, that we're not talking about large numbers of dollars or anything like that, and the bottom line is they can't spend large numbers of dollars unless we give them to them. So the final authority rests here. If we don't appropriate money, there isn't going to be any money to spend, so we retain the control over numbers and scopes of programs, things like that. I would urge the adoption of this portion of the committee amendments.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. You've heard the close. The question is the adoption of this portion of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the fourth component of the committee amendments.

SENATOR HALL: That portion of the committee amendments is adopted. The next portion of the committee amendments, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, may I read just one item?

SENATOR HALL: Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Dierks would like to print amendments to LB 209. (See page 2352 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Lindsay, I now have AM...or what I'm