

Senator Pirsch's staff have taken the time to put this together to explain to you those portions of the Lindsay amendment, that this amendment of Jim Cudaback's is attached to, those portions of the Lindsay amendment that are not only of a concern, but absolutely cannot pass in the Nebraska Legislature. We absolutely cannot let this happen. And I am willing to...my portion of the Lindsay amendment, with the sex offender registration that I thought was very important, I continue to think is very important and I will work on it next year to get that passed in Nebraska, we are one of the few states that don't have it. I am willing to give that up because I will vote against the entire Lindsay amendment. I don't care what's adopted. I don't care if this is adopted. I don't care if the sex offender registration is adopted, I don't care what portions of the Lindsay amendment are adopted, as long as you have those portions that we haven't gotten to, that when we get to cloture, we will vote on the amendment that we're talking about, then we will vote on all the rest of the amendments. Those portions that we haven't had an opportunity to talk about, those ones down at 10 and 11, 9, 10, 11 that we haven't had a chance to talk about, that talk about striking the mandatory portion of the mandatory minimum sentence for habitual criminals, that will give them the opportunity for good time, so instead of 25 years in prison, they could be out in 12, that is something we cannot let happen here in Nebraska. Those portions that will strike the drug-free school zones, every mother and father in this state is going to be calling the Legislature and the Governor's office tomorrow if you allow that to happen, because these are things that I believe in, that the people in this state believe in, that I know we believe in, and we do not want this to happen, not through a procedural...I don't know what you'd call what happened in procedure today, but whatever happened this is something very real and very possibly could happen. And I want you to stay focused on that and the fact that we cannot let the Lindsay amendment pass, we absolutely cannot. If we get to a time when these are not discussed and we get to vote on it in bulk and it goes ahead forward, we're letting through some very bad provisions in the Lindsay amendment that we'll never have an opportunity to talk about because we've spent the time talking about the provisions in the Lindsay amendment that John, himself, said he didn't think were very controversial. But we'll never get a chance to get to those portions, so you must stay focused on the fact that even though this is very important, I think we've sent a good message to Omaha, and I'm glad to stand right next to you and send it along with them