

bill. We have driveled away all of our hours, all of our time. I don't even know what we're doing here except spinning our wheels. There were lots of interesting and important policy decisions that could have been made. For the first two hours we didn't even have anything before us to make a decision on. We've been caught up in back and forth on decisions that were already made with respect to the location of facilities. We haven't even gotten to the important questions. And if he's invoking cloture in the next hour or so, we're not going to get to any of them. So I guess everybody is in a good mood now and happy just to pass this bill the way it is. Obviously, we're going to succeed in going the whole eight hours without a substantive and real discussion on the important points. But for myself, I'd be glad to go home and tell my constituents that this isn't a very good crime bill and I don't want anything to do with it. I think it's a bit of an embarrassment frankly right now. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Pirsch, there have been only three speakers on this motion to bracket. I think it's premature. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, we may as well discuss it on this motion because it gives the opportunity for us to do something other than just be here on the bill. And if somebody wants to agree, Senator Lindsay ought to ask to lay the bill over and I'll tell you why. There are issues in this bill that constitute serious flaws and for once tell the Governor and his people to let this issue be worked out by the legislators among the legislators. There are people on this floor other than myself and Senator Beutler and Senator Lindsay and Senator Hall who see problems with the bill itself even on provisions with which they agree. I'm not opposed to earning good time, not at all because we want programs of substance. But I think it's a hoax to say...give to the public the idea that we're having inmates earn good time, then there are not enough of these programs available to accommodate the inmates. It's similar to what we did on the welfare bill when we say that providing child care assistance is crucial to a woman being able to work, then not providing enough reimbursement to make it possible for her to get the child care.