

In this instance, the Governor and others who support this bill will want to go out and trumpet to the public that inmates will now have to earn their good time. But if you read the language of the bill, for any of those who cannot get into a program, they get the full six months anyway. And there will not be enough of these programs to accommodate all the inmates because the Governor does not want an A bill that would bother anybody so you don't put the money in it. Read the bill. If you were going to provide enough of these programs, and we know how many inmates there are, why do you have to put a provision saying if there are not enough programs available, not if the inmate refuses to participate because they can be disciplined for that, but if not enough programs are available, then the inmate will not be harmed by not being able to get good time. That inmate will get three months good time for doing nothing as is the case now. And the hoax will be successful. People will get the idea that now inmates are in these programs earning this good time and learning something at the same time, but the programs are not there. And if you read the bill, you'll see it. But you're so anxious, Senator Pirsch doesn't even want us to talk about these aspects of the bill. You're so anxious to move this bill that you will take something like this which is a travesty. And after you pass it and crime does not abate and nothing changes, then what gimmick are you going to work on the public? You're telling them here is the panacea. The Governor said pass this bill and you've got them. Three strikes they're out, two strikes they're in. If somebody shoots at a building or is accused of it, the projectile doesn't have to hit anything, you could be out on New Year's Eve night. My finger doesn't shoot, Senator Fisher, but it could look kind of wicked. You could be shooting up in the air and you could get arrested for shooting at an occupied dwelling because you don't have to hit it. So you say, okay, when I go to trial I'll prove that I wasn't but really I don't have to prove I wasn't, they have to prove that I was. So they can't prove it, but you've been arrested, you've been booked, you pay bond money, you hire a lawyer, then they cut you loose because they can't prove it. You give law enforcement the incentive and the means to hound and harass people. Criminal laws are the kind that were of most distress...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to the so-called founders of this republic. That's why I wish people would read history. I wish