

system has been subverted in terms of getting the job done of dealing with crime. The jails are overflowing. We are going to have to build more jails. We have more people in jail in this country than any other country. Are we any safer? Are we any less prone to violence? No. And the death penalty is here. It is being utilized more here than any other industrialized country. So many countries don't even have it. Are we safer because of it? No. I mean we end up with a situation where the so-called solutions to the problem, the death penalty, harsher sentences, all of this, the one-dimensional let's...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...get tough on crime, it is not getting the job done. We have to be much more fundamental. The get-tough approach may have helped in some cases. I would guess it has. But in overall reduction of crime, in overall reduction of fear among the populace, this approach is not getting the job done. There is more of this in this bill, but there is more that needs to be done. So my point is I am glad that we...we might move forward. I am glad we will be able, as a Legislature, institutionally approach and move forward on the issue, but let's not overblow what gets done with 371. Let's not feel that when this bill passes, and I hope it does pass, that we are done with the issue. It is just a start. There is so much more to...it's blocked. It's been a logjam that has held back so many other bills in committee and so many other issues on the floor, I am willing to get rid of it just so that...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: ...we can see other things go forward, and with that, again, I will rise in support of the amendment, in support of the bill, but with the understanding that much more needs to be done. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I know this Legislature, and I know what it takes to get us to the point of discussing the bill. When we first started this morning, anybody could have engaged in a serious, solemn discussion of any aspect of this bill, and they chose not to. But now that we are getting to the very end, as always happens, people are now saying, because we are running out of