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SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR WITEK: And you have to admit I have been very good listening to all your comments, Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: You're a very good listener.

SENATOR WITEK: In your amendment, on lines 6 and 7, it says, "The specific reasons for the growth in the adult prison population". I guess I don't quite understand what we're looking for with that language?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Who is going to prison and why.

SENATOR WITEK: Well, I think most people go to prison because they break the law, so would that be sufficient to...for number one, just to say people go to prison when they break the law?

SENATOR LINDSAY: No, because all people that break the law don't go to prison. I think if you...

SENATOR WITEK: But all people who are in prison have broken the law.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Not necessarily, but, oh,...

SENATOR WITEK: Not necessarily.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Oh, man, that was almost in harmony. But, no, it's...what we are looking at is, I mean, we can look at some of this stuff that we do have access to that talks about people who have, for example, the legislation was changed, the minimum term, the maximum, minimum term.

SENATOR WITEK: I remember that one.

SENATOR LINDSAY: The...I am sure you do, but if we look at that, who is going to prison because of that, and it's...if we look at it, it's people who...

SENATOR WITEK: We have those statistics already available.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Absolutely, I think...